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ALL THE BIG STARS WHO  
WILL BE IN SPAIN



KARL-HEINZ  
RUMMENIGGE  
(West Germany)



Ole! England's  
Bryan Robson  
gets in the mood  
for Spain.



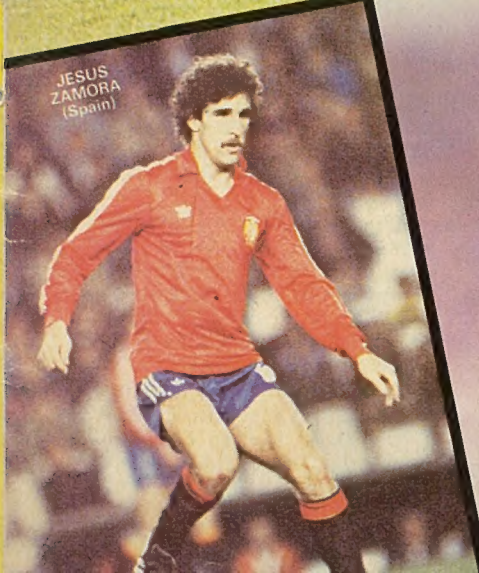
ZICO  
(Brazil)



DIEGO  
MARADONA  
(Argentina)



PAT JENNINGS  
(Northern Ireland)



JESUS  
ZAMORA  
(Spain)



DANNY  
McGRAIN  
(Scotland)



WYNTON  
RUFER  
(New Zealand)



MICHEL  
PLATINI  
(France)





**V**ery few people give England much of a chance in Spain . . . but they'd better not mention this within ear-shot of captain Kevin Keegan. The 31-year-old Southampton star says: "We're a better side than we've looked in our qualifying ties."

"We were lacking in confidence at times. Qualifying for Spain has changed this."

"Teams will fear us more than we fear them in Spain. Apart from Brazil, Argentina and West Germany no one really stands out."

"Outside of those three, we can fancy ourselves as much as anyone."

"The further we get the better we'll become. We wouldn't be frightened at the prospect of playing Brazil."

"We want to make people proud of England. And we want to do that by playing our traditional style of football."

"You must do what you're best at. In our case it's determination, strength and personal commitment. It's no use talking about slow build-ups or fancy skills."

"There's still the chance for a youngster to establish himself."



**I**n 1966 only Alf Ramsey, it seemed, thought England would win the World Cup.

Now, he is less confident about his country's chances.

Sir Alf says: "There are players in the England squad who, frankly, aren't up to the required standard."

"I doubt whether Ron Greenwood will drastically alter the team or playing style now, unless someone special comes along."

"England appear to be in a sort of no man's land. They've moved towards a Continental style, abandoning the system whereby they tried to find the front men early."



**V**astly experienced Pat Jennings will make his debut in the World Cup Finals this June aged 36. After 700 League games and 19 years as a professional it's been late coming.

The Arsenal 'keeper says: "I knew this was my best chance, although not necessarily my last one."

"I've had some great moments with Spurs and Arsenal, but nothing can compare with reaching the World Cup Finals."

"There is no pressure on us, so we can relax."

Chances are opponents won't enjoy facing Pat even if he is relaxed!



**A**lthough they are deadly Arivals, Scotland manager Jock Stein was pleased that England qualified.

"It helps take the pressure off us," he explains. "In Argentina everything was focused on Scotland, but it's different this time."

"Our build-up will be quieter. In fact, it started the moment we qualified."

"We don't have much time to play with and the Finals come round so quickly."

"We'll go to Spain well prepared, without any distractions, and all the players will be in the right frame of mind. The week in Portugal before the Finals will be ideal."



**E**very player dreams of representing his country in the World Cup Finals . . . and John O'Neill of Northern Ireland is no exception.

The Leicester City defender says: "I watched the previous World Cups on television and thought what a thrill it must be to play in the Finals."

"In our qualifying campaign we had a few setbacks and it seemed as if we were going to miss out, even though we always felt we were good enough to reach Spain."

"I can still hardly believe we're there. It means such a lot to the province."

"I'd like to think having three qualifiers will help the domestic game. There's been a lot of criticism in recent years, but maybe people will take a more positive attitude now."

**S**pur's midfielder Glenn Hoddle is one of the few British players who can hold his own amongst the best of Europe and South America. Yet there are still a few question marks about him as an England player.

"I've been disappointed not to be a regular," he says. "But it's a squad game now and I was as pleased as anyone when we qualified."

"I'm lucky to be playing for Spurs. Being involved in the hunt for honours up to the end of the season will keep an edge on my game."

"I've never enjoyed my football as much. I have absolutely no regrets about signing a two-year contract last summer."

"It was a gamble at the time. England may not have qualified for Spain and things might not have gone so well for Spurs."

**P**opular opinion is that football is a young man's game. Perhaps it is, although many of the 1982 World Cup stars are golden oldies, notably Dino Zoff (Italy—40), Pat Jennings (36), Hector Chum-pitaz (Peru—38) and Wilfried Van Moer (Belgium—37).

The daddy of 'em all, though, is the Peru coach Elba de Padua Lima, called simply Tim. A Brazilian, he's 64, old enough to be the father of the World Cup's youngest coach, El Salvador's Pipo Rodriguez, who's 36.

The USSR's Konstantin Beskov, at 61, is a few months older than Ron Greenwood and Belgium's Guy Thys, both 60. Jock Stein, 59, can give Billy Bingham almost 10 years.

Brazil will set another World Cup record in 1982 by supplying three national coaches—Tele Santana (Brazil), Tim (Peru) and Kuwait's Carlos Alberto Parreira.



**Naranjito**



IT'S not been a particularly memorable four years for football since the 1978 World Cup Finals.

In Europe, Nottingham Forest and Liverpool have dominated the European Cup, although their performances in the Finals didn't match the exciting styles which won them League Championships in England.

The 1980 European Championship Finals were a disappointment, sadly remembered from England's point of view for the fan violence as much for the football.

In South America the game seems to be committing financial suicide, with clubs unable to pay players' wages.

But the 1982 World Cup Finals in Spain could give the game new life! The biggest-ever Finals are likely to provide soccer with a much-needed shot in the arm.

Current Champions Argentina, despite a poor 1981, will respond to appearing on a world stage, with Diego Maradona proving to be the world he's the most talented, most exciting player around.

Brazil have given notice to the

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rest that they're a much better team than in 1978.

They've gone back to their roots, abandoning the European safety-first style of football we saw in Argentina for their natural attacking game.

In 1981 they came to Europe and beat England, France and West Germany without ever



having to move into top gear.

No wonder the fabulous South Americans are favourites to win the trophy for a fourth time.

Spain, the host nation, will be hard to overcome and not just because of the traditional advantages.

Since 1978 world-class players have emerged, such as

goalkeeper Luis Arconada and midfielder Jesus Zamora.

West Germany had a torrid time in the 1978 Finals, but since then under manager Jupp Derwall have shown they're head and shoulders above the rest of Europe.

In Karl-Heinz Rummenigge, voted the 1981 European Footballer of the Year for the second season in succession, they have the most complete striker in the world.

The only question mark against the West Germans is their ability to overcome the South American challenge of Brazil and Argentina in a climate that for the first time should suit all the competing nations.

The Soviet Union are unbeaten for over two years. Dynamo Tbilisi won the 1981 European Cup-Winners' Cup with some thrilling football and the national side has a nucleus of their

players.

The USSR have three or four potential match-winners and they can concentrate all their efforts on the football front. Bonuses and commercial interests won't distract them.

Yugoslavia, under Miljan Miljanic, have shown they are to be feared, while Belgium will no doubt be as hard to beat as they are to watch on occasions.

Italy might not be the team they were a couple of years ago, but you still wouldn't bet many pesetas on them not reaching the Second Round.

Poland, despite their sad internal problems, have a better team than in 1978. So, too, have France, which could be bad news for their Group Four opponents England.

For England and the other two Home countries, Scotland and



Northern Ireland, reaching the Second Round would count as success, especially for Scotland who could scarcely have had a tougher draw.

It's important that the U.K. teams do themselves justice. Defeat is acceptable as long as, at the end of the Finals, they can turn round and say: "We did our best!"

England have been under heavy criticism for the way they almost threw away their chances of qualifying.

Their supporters were understandably frustrated by one or two inept displays. Maybe this criticism will inspire Kevin Keegan and his men to surprise the rest of the world in Spain.

Scotland are keen to make up for the nightmare of Argentina, where more went wrong than right.

Under Jock Stein they certainly won't fail for the reasons they did



four years ago.

Northern Ireland are delighted simply to be there.

As half their team comes from outside the First Division it says volumes for their character and organisation that they've done so well.

Yes, there's a great deal to look forward to this summer. Let's hope the referees allow the players to display their individual skills and that the fans, especially the English ones, support their teams in a sporting way.

It only leaves me to let you capture the excitement and atmosphere of Espana '82 with this World Cup Special compiled by the team that brings you Britain's leading soccer magazine.

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At 33, Trevor Brooking is playing as well as ever. The West Ham midfielder still oozes class, although he knows 1982 will be his first and last World Cup Finals.

"My West Ham contract expires in 1983 and I'll be almost 35. I'll call it a day then.

"People talk about the side being Dad's Army, but you must have a blend of youth and experience. Some of the criticism of the older players has been harsh and unjust.

"People don't appreciate that a 32-year-old can have a bad day just as a 22-year-old can."

Of all England's goals in the qualifying ties, none stands out more than Brooking's effort in Hungary which lodged itself behind the stanchion.

"I seem to be scoring a few more goals these days. Scoring that one in Budapest was marvellous. I wouldn't say my finishing has improved... I'm finding myself in better goalscoring positions."

Not everyone is happy with the World Cup Finals being 50 per cent bigger than before with 24 teams. Critics feel there are too many drab games.

Socrates, Brazil's elegant captain and midfielder, doesn't agree.

"I fully support the move to have 24 Finalists," he says. "Some countries have been absent from the Finals far too long. England are a case in point, having last played 12 years ago.

"Twenty-four teams means that nearly all the world's strongest nations will be there. Thus, it should produce a higher standard of football.

"Of course there will be weak teams in Spain—but wasn't it always like that, even with only 16 Finalists?"

Brazil's "rabbits" are New Zealand, but the Kiwis have a proud qualifying record. They played 15 ties, lost only one, travelled more than 60,000 miles and goalkeeper Richard Wilson was unbeaten in a nine-game spell.

Altogether, 1,050 goals have been scored in the 11 World Cup Finals series. The first was by Laurent of France against Mexico in 1930; the last was Argentina's third goal in the 1978 Final against Holland by Bertoni.

Scotland's Bobby Collins scored the World Cup Finals' 500th goal against Paraguay in 1958 while Holland's Robbie Rensenbrink netted goal number 1,000 against Scotland in 1978.

England have scored 34 goals in six appearances; Scotland 12 in three and Northern Ireland six in 1958, their only previous outing in the Finals.

Needless to say, Brazil top the World Cup goals chart with 119 goals in 11 appearances, nine ahead of West Germany.

Who will be the top scorer in Spain? West Germany's Karl-Heinz Rummenigge, perhaps. Or Brazil's Zico. Chances are the Goal King will be the player who punishes the "minnows" with the most goals?



# 1. BRAZIL 2. WEST GERMANY



## IT'S YOUR CUP.

We asked correspondents from all over the world to list their 1-2-3 for the World Cup Finals. By awarding three points for their first choice, two for their second and one for the third, the conclusion was that . . .

1. W. Germany
2. Brazil
3. Spain

History has shown that with just one exception (when Brazil won in Sweden in 1958) the winner of the competition comes from the Continent on which it is played. West Germany will continue this tradition. Despite some good results during last year's European tour, Brazil don't seem powerful enough to break the advantage of the European sides; neither do Argentina. West Germany are by far the best team in Europe and I believe they'll win the World Cup.

**DAN CRISTEA,**  
RUMANIA.

1. Brazil
2. Spain
3. W. Germany

Brazil will be playing in a climate and conditions similar to those back home and although traditionally South American teams don't do well in Europe the Brazilians will, again, prove the exception. Also traditionally, the host nation does well and therefore Spain can't be written off, while West Germany are always a force to be reckoned with.

**COLIN JOSE,**  
CANADA.

1. W. Germany
2. Brazil
3. USSR

I've been very impressed by the Germans, who have a world-class player in each department . . . Kaltz in defence, Breitner in midfield and Rummenigge in attack. Their goal-difference of 33-3 in their eight qualifying ties shows what they're capable of. I think they have the most talented squad in the world and will outplay everyone, even the classy Brazilians. Technically, Brazil are the top in the world, but they lack a little composure and determination. I believe the hard work the USSR have put in over the past two years in building a new team will be rewarded by third place.

**DANNY GEERTS,**  
BELGIUM.

1. Brazil
2. Spain
3. Argentina

After quite a few years when Brazil lost their way, Tele Santana now has a team that is almost perfect in balance. They don't have a Pele, but Zico isn't too far behind. Being hosts will help Spain reach the Final, but even as hosts they won't be able to beat Brazil.

**STEFANO GERMANO,**  
ITALY.

1. Brazil
2. W. Germany
3. Spain

I've no doubt Brazil will win the World Cup again, even though they're playing on another Continent. They won in Sweden in 1958 after all. And they proved against England, West Germany and France last summer they can beat European opposition in their own environment. West Germany should be second, because at the vital moments they know how to fight for a result. Spain wouldn't do so well outside of Spain, but with the fans and refs helping them they'll do well. We saw, perhaps, an indication of what's coming with those two penalties against Scotland - awarded by a Dutch ref!

**BERT JONGEN,**  
HOLLAND.

1. Brazil
2. W. Germany
3. Argentina

Not an original choice, but I believe this trio will dominate the World Cup. Separating them isn't easy, but Brazil seem to have that bit of magic that could win the tournament. There is so little between them that it's really down to whoever peaks on the day.

**JENS. CHR. NOHR,**  
DENMARK.

1. Brazil
2. W. Germany
3. Soviet Union

Brazil have always had superb players, but not always the right manager. Now, in Tele Santana, they have the man to get the best out of the attack-minded side. With men such as Falcão, Socrates and Zico in a team that plays as a team I'm confident Brazil will win in style, as they did in 1970. I also see West Germany playing in the Final, problems for Menotti's Argentina and the Soviet Union, as the revelation of the tournament.

**JOSE FERNANDES,**  
PORTUGAL.

1. W. Germany
2. Brazil
3. Spain

I'll go all the way and say West Germany will beat Brazil in the Final after Spain have clinched third place by defeating the Soviet Union on penalties. The powerful, efficient Germans qualified with an impressive record, although the flair of the Brazilians, inspired by Zico, will test the more rigid and disciplined approach of the West German team. A World Cup of power and speed, topped off by imagination and tremendous goals will give the game new vitality. The Brazilians will lead the way until they meet the awesome German machine.

**TERRY HOBIN,**  
NEW ZEALAND.



# 3. SPAIN



The power of Klaus Fischer in the air makes West Germany's attack so dangerous.

Left: The boys from Brazil. Back row: Waldir, Peres, Edevaldo, Cerneca, Oscar, Luisinho, Junior. Front row: K.O. Jack (masseur), Paulo Isidoro, Cesar, Socrates, Zico, Eder.



Left: Rafael Gordillo, the promising young Spanish defender.



are in a class of their own, although Spain must reap the benefits of playing at home. The rest are more or less at the same level, and any team could strike form at the right time.

**JOSE RIVAS,  
CHILE.**

1. Brazil
2. W. Germany
3. Spain

I believe Argentina will be the big disappointment of the World Cup, even though they should qualify for the second phase without too many problems. And I think it will be hard for all the South American teams to be so far away from home for so much time. Having said that, I have to go for Brazil when it comes to picking the winner. They have so much talent that it's difficult to bet against them. Once again the host nation will do well, too.

**CARLOS LOPEZ,  
URUGUAY.**

1. Brazil
2. W. Germany
3. USSR

Basically I feel that Western European countries are at a disadvantage because the Finals are played after the end of their season, when players are not at their freshest. Even so, I favour West Germany to reach the Final because I rate them the strongest team in the world at the moment. I expect them to have beaten Spain or Yugoslavia in the Semi-Final. In the other half of the draw, I go for Brazil to go all the way, at the expense of Argentina, who I feel will fail in the second phase.

**DAGOBERTO ESCORCIA,  
COLOMBIA.**

1. W. Germany
2. Brazil
3. USSR

Brazil and West Germany will excel among a field of otherwise mediocre teams; I expect Brazil to pip Germany in the Final. The Brazilians have successfully blended European team-method with South American individuality—and they travel well, as their successful 1981 European tour proved. Playing in Spain will suit them and they'll have a huge travelling support.

**MARTIN BARROW,  
PERU.**

1. W. Germany
2. Brazil
3. Spain

From the matches I have seen on television, I believe that West Germany are the best side in the world at the moment. They may not have the skill of the Brazilians but they are faster and more athletic and more determined to win. Playing at home will be a very important advantage for Spain. And I think Argentina will fall in the Semi-Finals. Of the other teams, I believe England or Scotland could be the big surprise.

**HECTOR VASQUEZ,  
HONDURAS.**

# BRAZIL

1. Brazil
2. W. Germany
3. Argentina

Zico, Brazil's national hero, hasn't managed to play well in a national tournament so far. He'll have his last chance in Spain and, as we saw in Tokyo when he masterminded Flamengo's victory over Liverpool, he's bang in form. He'll be aided by Flamengo team-mates Junior and perhaps Nunes. Brazil, once again playing their creative and skilful game which characterised their game in the Sixties, will take the Cup back to their fans for the fourth time.

**HANNIS J. MAIER Jnr.,  
JAPAN.**

1. Argentina
2. W. Germany
3. Spain

If Diego Maradona is at his best he'll be the star of the tournament and will contribute in no small way to Argentina retaining their world title. In what is likely to be a relatively defensive tournament, an in-form Maradona could be the difference. He'll be backed by a strong defence and a lot of experienced players. What could work against Argentina is the colonial jealousy of the Spanish people; the team may not get a 'good Press' because of Menotti's strict control over access to the players. I think Argentina will eliminate Brazil on the way to the Final.

**REX GOWAR,  
ARGENTINA.**

1. Brazil
2. W. Germany
3. Argentina

Since Tele Santana took charge of the Brazilian team there has been a wave of positive thinking for the first time since 1974. People in Brazil now say: "We have a team capable of winning the World Cup." In the last two tournaments Brazil have had defensive sides. Now, the squad has the likes of Junior, Cerezo, Zico, Socrates and Ze Sergio—they can achieve what only Brazil can: a football magic of natural skills. Brazil proved themselves superior to West Germany last year. Argentina won't have their supporters this time.

**ROBERTO LEVINSTEIN,  
BRAZIL.**

1. Brazil
2. Spain
3. W. Germany

If Spain had been a fraction more impressive during 1981 I would have gone for them, as the home team traditionally has all the advantages. They're in their own environment and have the backing of their fans. Unfortunately, referees tend to be on the host's side as well and with the difference between the top teams being so small, that can tip the balance. In my view England (1966), West Germany (1974) and Argentina (1978) won the World Cup due to bad refereeing errors. However, from what I saw last summer I take Brazil to beat Spain in the Final.

**FRANK SJOMAN,  
SWEDEN.**

1. Brazil
2. W. Germany
3. Argentina

There are two ways of predicting the World Cup winners—by logic or by hunch. Among the hunches I'd venture that Chile will eliminate Austria. Italy won't qualify for the second phase. Northern Ireland will beat Spain 1-0. And Kuwait will beat Czechoslovakia. But professional logic points to 1. Brazil 2. West Germany 3. Argentina. In Zico, Rummenigge and Maradona, these three have the outstanding individuals needed to win a major trophy in these days of uniform "industrial" football. Brazil and Argentina must clash before the Final (assuming both reach the Second Round) and the Brazilians seem to have the Indian sign on Menotti's team these days. The other Semi-Final could be West Germany v Yugoslavia, and if Breitner & Co reach the Final, I'd put my money on the ball skills of Brazil to beat them in 80' in Madrid. But fortunately, logic doesn't always hold true in football. . . .

**GRAHAM TURNER,  
SPAIN.**

1. Argentina
2. W. Germany
3. Brazil

I think this is a great opportunity for a South American team to win the World Cup in Europe, as we'll all feel very much at home in Spain. Both Chile and Peru could reach the second phase with Brazil and Argentina. Of the Europeans I feel that the Germans



# HOW THEY REACHED SPAIN

## Europe

### Group One

Finland 0, Bulgaria 2; Albania 2, Finland 0; Finland 0, Austria 2; Bulgaria 2, Albania 1; Austria 5, Albania 0; Bulgaria 1, West Germany 3; Albania 0, Austria 1; Albania 0, West Germany 2; West Germany 2, Austria 0; Bulgaria 4, Finland 0; Finland 0, West Germany 4; Austria 2, Bulgaria 0; Austria 5, Finland 1; Finland 2, Albania 1; West Germany 7, Finland 1; Austria 1, West Germany 3; Albania 0, Bulgaria 2; Bulgaria 0, Austria 0; West Germany 8, Albania 0; West Germany 4, Bulgaria 0.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
West Germany	8	8	0	0	33	3	16
Austria	8	5	1	2	16	6	11
Bulgaria	8	4	1	3	11	10	9
Albania	8	1	0	7	4	22	2
Finland	8	1	0	7	4	27	2

West Germany and Austria qualify for finals.

### Group Two

Cyprus 2, Republic of Ireland 3; Republic of Ireland 2, Netherlands 1; Cyprus 0, France 7; Republic of Ireland 1, Belgium 1; France 2, Republic of Ireland 0; Belgium 1, Netherlands 0; Republic of Ireland 6, Cyprus 0; Cyprus 0, Belgium 2; Belgium 3, Cyprus 2; Netherlands 3, Cyprus 0; Netherlands 1, France 0; Belgium 1, Republic of Ireland 0; France 3, Belgium 2; Cyprus 0, Netherlands 1; Netherlands 2, Republic of Ireland 2; Belgium 2, France 0; Netherlands 3, Belgium 0; Republic of Ireland 3, France 2; France 2, Netherlands 0; France 4, Cyprus 0.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Belgium	8	5	1	2	12	9	11
France	8	5	0	3	20	8	10
Republic of Ireland	8	4	2	2	17	11	10
Netherlands	8	4	1	3	11	7	9
Cyprus	8	0	0	8	4	29	0

Belgium and France qualify.

### Group Three

Iceland 0, Wales 4; Iceland 1, USSR 2; Turkey 1, Iceland 3; USSR 5, Iceland 0; Wales 4, Turkey 0; Wales 1, Czechoslovakia 0; Czechoslovakia 2, Turkey 0; Turkey 0, Wales 1; Turkey 0, Czechoslovakia 3; Czechoslovakia 6, Iceland 1; Wales 0, USSR 0; Iceland 2, Turkey 0; Czechoslovakia 2, Wales 0; USSR 4, Turkey 0; Iceland 1, Czechoslovakia 1; Turkey 0, USSR 3; Wales 2, Iceland 2; USSR 2, Czechoslovakia 0; USSR 3, Wales 0; Czechoslovakia 1, USSR 1.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
USSR	8	6	2	0	20	2	14
Czechoslovakia	8	4	2	2	15	6	10
Wales	8	4	2	2	12	7	10
Iceland	8	2	2	4	10	21	6
Turkey	8	0	0	8	1	22	0

USSR and Czechoslovakia qualify.

### Group Four

England 4, Norway 0; Norway 1, Romania 1; Romania 2, England 1; Switzerland 1, Norway 2; England 2, Switzerland 1; England 0, Romania 0; Switzerland 2, Hungary 2; Hungary 1, Romania 0; Norway 1, Hungary 2; Switzerland 2, England 1; Romania 1, Norway 0; Hungary 1, England 3; Norway 1, Switzerland 1; Norway 2, England 1; Romania 0, Hungary 0; Romania 1, Switzerland 2; Hungary 3, Switzerland 0; Hungary 4, Norway 1; Switzerland 0, Romania 0; England 1, Hungary 0.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Hungary	8	4	2	2	13	8	10
England	8	4	1	3	13	8	9
Romania	8	2	4	2	5	8	8
Switzerland	8	2	3	3	9	12	7
Norway	8	2	2	4	8	15	6

Hungary and England qualify.

### Group Five

Luxembourg 0, Yugoslavia 5; Yugoslavia 2, Denmark 1; Luxembourg 0, Italy 2; Denmark 0, Greece 1; Italy 2, Denmark 0; Italy 2, Yugoslavia 0; Denmark 4, Luxembourg 0; Greece 0, Italy 2; Greece 2, Luxembourg 0; Luxembourg 0, Greece 2; Luxembourg 1, Denmark 2; Yugoslavia 5, Greece 1; Denmark 3, Italy 1; Denmark 1, Yugoslavia 2; Greece 2, Denmark 3; Yugoslavia 1, Italy 1; Italy 1, Greece 1; Yugoslavia 5, Luxembourg 0; Greece 1, Yugoslavia 2; Italy 1, Luxembourg 0.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Yugoslavia	8	6	1	1	22	7	13
Italy	8	5	2	1	12	5	12
Denmark	8	4	0	4	14	11	8
Greece	8	3	1	4	10	13	7
Luxembourg	8	0	0	8	1	23	0

Yugoslavia and Italy qualify.



### Group Six

Israel 0, Northern Ireland 0; Sweden 1, Israel 1; Sweden 0, Scotland 1; Northern Ireland 3, Sweden 0; Scotland 0, Portugal 0; Israel 0, Sweden 0; Portugal 1, Northern Ireland 0; Portugal 3, Israel 0; Israel 0, Scotland 1; Scotland 1, Northern Ireland 1; Northern Ireland 1, Portugal 0; Scotland 3, Israel 1; Sweden 1, Northern Ireland 0; Sweden 3, Portugal 0; Scotland 2, Sweden 0; Portugal 1, Sweden 2; Northern Ireland 0, Scotland 0; Israel 4, Portugal 1; Northern Ireland 1, Israel 0; Portugal 2, Scotland 1.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Scotland	8	4	3	1	9	4	11
Northern Ireland	8	3	3	2	6	3	9
Sweden	8	3	2	3	7	8	8
Portugal	8	3	1	4	8	11	7
Israel	8	1	3	4	6	10	5

Scotland and Northern Ireland qualify.

### Group Seven

Malta 0, Poland 2 (abandoned); Malta 1, East Germany 2; Poland 1, East Germany 0; East Germany 2, Poland 3; East Germany 5, Malta 1; Poland 6, Malta 0.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Poland	4	4	0	0	12	2	8
East Germany	4	2	0	2	9	6	4
Malta	4	0	0	4	2	15	0

Poland qualify for finals.

## South America

### Group One

Venezuela 0, Brazil 1; Bolivia 3, Venezuela 0; Bolivia 1, Brazil 2; Venezuela 1, Bolivia 0; Brazil 3, Bolivia 1; Brazil 5, Venezuela 0.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Brazil	4	4	0	0	11	2	8
Bolivia	4	1	0	3	5	6	2
Venezuela	4	1	0	3	1	9	2

Brazil qualify.

### Group Two

Colombia 1, Peru 1; Uruguay 3, Colombia 2; Peru 2, Colombia 0; Uruguay 1, Peru 0; Uruguay 0, Colombia 1, Uruguay 1.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Peru	4	2	2	0	5	2	6
Uruguay	4	1	2	1	5	5	4
Colombia	4	0	2	2	4	7	2

Peru qualify.

### Group Three

Ecuador 1, Paraguay 0; Ecuador 0, Chile 0; Paraguay 3, Ecuador 1; Paraguay 0, Chile 1; Chile 2, Ecuador 0; Chile 3, Paraguay 0.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Chile	4	3	1	0	6	0	7
Ecuador	4	1	1	2	2	5	3
Paraguay	4	1	0	3	3	6	2

Chile qualify.

## North, Central America

### Northern Zone

Canada 1, Mexico 1; United States 0, Canada 0; Canada 2, United States 1; Mexico 5, United States 1; Mexico 1, Canada 1; United States 2, Mexico 1.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Canada	4	1	3	0	4	3	5
Mexico	4	1	2	1	8	4	5
United States	4	1	1	2	4	8	3

Canada and Mexico qualify for final CONCACAF games.

### Central Zone

Panama 0, Guatemala 2; Panama 0, Honduras 2; Panama 1, Costa Rica 1; Panama 1, El Salvador 3; Costa Rica 2, Honduras 3; El Salvador 4, Panama 1; Guatemala 0, Costa Rica 0;

Honduras 2, El Salvador 0; Honduras 0, Guatemala 0; El Salvador 2, Costa Rica 0; Costa Rica 2, Panama 0; Guatemala 0, El Salvador 0; Guatemala 5, Panama 0; Honduras 1, Costa Rica 1; El Salvador 2, Honduras 1; Costa Rica 0, Guatemala 3; Guatemala 0, Honduras 1; Costa Rica 0, El Salvador 0; Honduras 5, Panama 0; El Salvador 1, Guatemala 0.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Honduras	8	5	2	1	15	5	12
El Salvador	8	5	2	1	12	5	12
Guatemala	8	3	3	2	10	2	9
Costa Rica	8	1	4	3	6	10	6
Panama	8	0	1	7	3	24	1

Honduras and El Salvador qualified for final CONCACAF games.

### Caribbeans

SUB GROUP A: Guyana 5, Grenada 2; Grenada 2, Guyana 3 (Guyana qualified for Group A).

GROUP A: Cuba 3, Surinam 0; Surinam 0, Cuba 0; Guyana 0, Surinam 1; Surinam 4, Guyana 0; Cuba 1, Guyana 0; Guyana 0, Cuba 3.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Cuba	4	3	1	0	7	0	7
Surinam	4	2	1	1	5	3	5
Guyana	4	0	0	4	0	9	0

Cuba qualified for final CONCACAF games.

GROUP B: Haiti 2, Trinidad and Tobago 0; Trinidad and Tobago 1, Haiti 0; Netherlands Antilles 1, Haiti 1; Haiti 1, Netherlands Antilles 0; Trinidad and Tobago 0, Netherlands Antilles 0; Netherlands Antilles 0, Trinidad and Tobago 0.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Haiti	4	2	1	1	4	2	5
Trinidad and Tobago	4	1	2	1	1	2	4
Netherlands Ant.	4	0	3	1	1	2	3

Haiti qualified for final CONCACAF games.

### CONCACAF Finals

Mexico 4, Cuba 0; Canada 3, El Salvador 0; Honduras 4, Haiti 0; Haiti 1, Canada 1; Mexico 0, El Salvador 1; Honduras 2, Cuba 0; El Salvador 0, Cuba 0; Mexico 1, Haiti 1; Honduras 2, Canada 1; Haiti 0, Cuba 2; Mexico 1, Canada 1; Honduras 0, El Salvador 0; Haiti 0, El Salvador 1; Cuba 2, Canada 2; Honduras 0, Mexico 0.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Honduras	5	3	2	0	8	1	8
El Salvador	5	2	2	1	2	1	6
Mexico	5	1	3	1	6	3	5
Canada	5	1	3	1	6	6	5
Cuba	5	1	2	2	4	8	4
Haiti	5	0	2	3	2	9	2

Honduras and El Salvador qualify for finals.

## Africa

### First Round

FIRST GAMES: Libya 2, Gambia 1; Ethiopia 0, Zambia 0; Sierra Leone 2, Algeria 2; Tunisia 2, Nigeria 0; Senegal 0, Morocco 1; Zaire 5, Mozambique 2; Cameroon 3, Malawi 0; Guinea 3, Lesotho 1; Niger 0, Somalia 0; Kenya 3, Tanzania 1; Gambia and Uganda withdrew, Madagascar and Egypt walked over.

SECOND GAMES: Gambia 0, Libya 0 (Libya won 1-2 on aggregate); Zambia 4, Ethiopia 0 (4-0); Algeria 3, Sierra Leone 1 (5-3); Nigeria 2, Tunisia 0 (2-2, 4-3 on penalty kicks); Morocco 0, Senegal 0 (1-0); Mozambique 1, Zaire 2 (3-7); Malawi 1, Cameroon 1 (1-4); Lesotho 1, Guinea 1 (2-4); Somalia 1, Niger 1 (1-1, Niger won on away goal); Tanzania 5, Kenya 0 (6-3).

### Second Round

FIRST GAMES: (Zimbabwe, Sudan, Liberia, Togo classified directly to this round): Algeria 2, Sudan 0; Niger 0, Togo 1; Liberia 0, Guinea 0; Cameroon 2, Zimbabwe 0; Morocco 2, Zambia 0; Nigeria 1, Tanzania 1; Madagascar 1, Zaire 1.

SECOND GAMES: Sudan 1, Algeria 1 (1-3); Togo 1, Niger 2 (2-2, Niger won on away goals); Guinea 1, Liberia 0 (1-0); Zimbabwe 1, Cameroon 0 (1-2); Zambia 2, Morocco 0 (2-2, Morocco won 5-4 on penalty kicks); Tanzania 0, Nigeria 2 (1-3); Zaire 3, Madagascar 2 (4-3). Libya withdrew. Egypt walked over.

### Third Round

FIRST GAMES: Algeria 4, Niger 0; Guinea 1, Nigeria 1; Morocco 1, Egypt 0; Zaire 1, Cameroon 0.

SECOND GAMES: Niger 1, Algeria 0 (1-4); Nigeria 1, Guinea 0 (2-1); Egypt 0, Morocco 0 (0-1); Cameroon 6, Zaire 1 (6-2).

### Fourth Round

FIRST GAMES: Nigeria 0, Algeria 2; Morocco 0, Cameroon 2.

SECOND GAMES: Algeria 2, Nigeria 1 (4-1); Cameroon 2, Morocco 1 (4-1). Algeria and Cameroon qualified for finals.

## Asia and Oceania

### Group One

Indonesia 1, Australia 0; Indonesia 3, Fiji 1; Indonesia 0, New Zealand 2; Indonesia 1, Taiwan 0; Australia 2, Indonesia 0; Australia 10, Fiji 0; Australia 0, New Zealand 2; Australia 3, Taiwan 2; Fiji 0, Indonesia 0; Fiji 1, Australia 4; Fiji 0, New Zealand 4; Fiji 2, Taiwan 1; New Zealand 5, Indonesia 0; New Zealand 3, Australia 3; New Zealand 13, Fiji 0; New Zealand 2, Taiwan 0; Taiwan 2, Indonesia 0; Taiwan 0, Australia 0; Taiwan 0, Fiji 0; Taiwan 0, New Zealand 0.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
New Zealand	8	6	2	0	31	3	14
Australia	8	4	2	2	22	9	10
Indonesia	8	2	2	4	5	14	6
Taiwan	8	1	3	4	5	8	5
Fiji	8	1	3	4	6	35	5

New Zealand qualified for final Asia and Oceania round.

### Group Two

Iraq 2, Syria 1; Iraq 2, Bahrain 0; Iraq 0, Saudi Arabia 1; Syria 0, Bahrain 1; Syria 0, Saudi Arabia 2; Bahrain 0, Saudi Arabia 1; Qatar 0, Iraq 1; Qatar 2, Syria 1; Qatar 3, Bahrain 0; Qatar 0, Saudi Arabia 1.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Saudi Arabia	4	4	0	0	5	0	8
Iraq	4	3	0	1	5	2	6
Qatar	4	2	0	2	5	3	4
Bahrain	4	1	0	3	1	6	2
Syria	4	0	0	4	2	7	0

Saudi Arabia qualified for final Asia and Oceania round.

### Group Three

Kuwait 6, Thailand 0; Kuwait 4, Malaysia 0; Kuwait 2, South Korea 0; Thailand 2, Malaysia 2; Thailand 1, South Korea 5; Malaysia 1, South Korea 2. Iran withdrew.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Kuwait	3	3	0	0	12	0	6
South Korea	3	2	0	1	7	4	4
Malaysia	3	0	1	2	3	8	1
Thailand	3	0	1	2	3	13	1

Kuwait qualified for final Asia and Oceania round.

### Group Four

PRELIMINARY ROUND: Hong Kong 0, China 1; Japan 1, Singapore 0; North Korea 3, Macao 0.

GROUP A: China 3, Macao 0; China 1, Japan 0; Japan 3, Macao 0.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
China	2	2	0	0	4	0	4
Japan	2	1	0	1	3	1	2
Macao	2	0	0	2	0	6	0

GROUP B: North Korea 1, Singapore 0; Singapore 1, Hong Kong 1; North Korea 2, Hong Kong 2.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
North Korea	2	1	1	0	3	2	3
Hong Kong	2	0	2	0	3	3	2
Singapore	2	0	1	1	1	2	1

SEMI-FINAL ROUND: North Korea 1, Japan 0; China 0, Hong Kong 0 (China won 5-4 on penalty kicks).

FINAL: China 4, North Korea 2 (after extra time).

China qualified for final Asia and Oceania round.

### Final Round

China 0, New Zealand 0;





# WHAT FANS CAN EXPECT IN SPAIN

**S**un, showers, seafood, señoritas and surfing. Paella, pollution, picadors and pickpockets. Flamenco, fiestas, fishing and ... football.

That's the riveting mixture awaiting the English, the Irish and Scots as they head for World Cup action in Bilbao, Zaragoza and Malaga.

The venues range dramatically from the showers and surfing on the rugged Atlantic coast to the sun-soaked beaches of the Costa del Sol and the arid moonscapes of the central meseta.

Volumes have been written on each region, but here's a super-brief look at the pleasures and pitfalls awaiting the British fans.

## DON'T miss the chance to try the local food

THE SCOTS may have a tough draw against Brazil and the USSR, but the Tartan Army has struck lucky with the trip to Malaga, where everything is geared to providing the visitor with a real holiday atmosphere and unrivalled facilities.

In resorts like Torremolinos you can eat anything from clams to cannelloni or chip butties to chop suey. You can drink red wine or Red Barrel. There are barbecues and bingos. Donkey-rides and discos. And loads of sunshine.

So much that it's your main enemy, and so fierce that you could be a hospital case if you dozed off for an hour or two.

On the travel side, the 135-mile run to Seville for the game against Brazil is best done by car or bus—preferably a hired bus, as the game won't finish till 10.45 at night.

On match days, plan your meals carefully, as the 9 p.m. kick-off means you'll miss dinner at the hotel.

By contrast, England fans are well off the package holiday trek at Bilbao—"the Spanish equivalent of Liverpool."

But don't miss the chance to try some of the best food in Europe (Paella is pictured above) and to wash it down with some great wines from the nearby Rioja region.

Local paper *Deia* publishes a daily list of restaurants where



## DO be wary of pick-pockets

you can eat a three- or four-course meal for around £2 including wine.

In the old town you can join the local custom of wandering from bar to bar and sampling a "txiki-to" of wine plus a taster of grilled mushrooms, stuffed peppers, whelks, kebabs ... you name it and *some* bar has got it—the fun is finding out which!

On the negative side, Bilbao is ugly, industrial and highly polluted.

On the positive side, the atmosphere is superb, public transport is cheap and the people are genuinely friendly towards the English.

The beaches are a fair way outside the town centre, and it takes about 45 minutes (but only 35p) to get out to the surfing beaches at Guecho (Getxo on the Basque signs) by bus or local train.

Even in June, ten days without rain would be unusual, and temperatures average a modest 63°F, so don't forget some protective clothing.

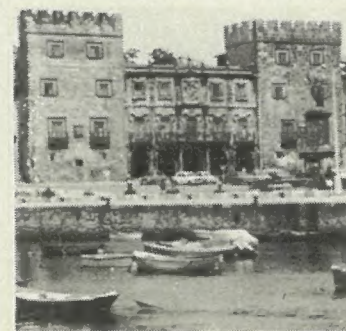
Oh, and *don't* expect the Bas-

ques to be all Flamenco, castanets and bull-fighting—they're not at all like the popular image of the Southern Spaniard.

In Zaragoza, the Irish will be off the tourist beat in a city where religious visitors stop off to admire the Virgen del Pilar (many Spanish girls are named after her) in the cathedral.

Summer temperatures can be enough to fry eggs, but June nights can still be cool enough for pullovers.

The local wines are superb, but you have to work harder than in Bilbao to find a wide range of good eating places, and you



● Most of the World Cup cities combine the old and the new, offering fans a lot to see and do in between games.

mustn't expect to find all the tourist facilities of a Mediterranean resort.

Even though the venues differ dramatically, some of the pitfalls are common to all three.

Don't overdo the ice in your drinks if you want to avoid the traditional Spanish tummy problems. And too much seafood doesn't agree with everybody either.

If you have minor health problems, head for the local "farmacia", where you'll find the chemist is hearteningly helpful.

For anything more serious, the hotel usually has a doctor on call—and remember to ask for a receipt in case you need to back up an insurance claim.

But above all, don't forget that the World Cup is going to be paradise on earth for the petty thief.

Spanish streets are not now the safe-as-houses places they were a few years back, and the best place for your passport, travel documents and match tickets is in the safe at the hotel.

Don't put money in pockets that can be picked. And remember that a drunk is a push-over target for muggers.

Closing time at the discotheques is the most dangerous and, by the way, remember that it'll cost around £2 to get in, and that drinks are normally three or four times more expensive than in normal bars.

Most important of all, don't do anything that could bring you problems with the law.


This World Cup is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to combine top-class soccer with a holiday to remember. It'd be a tragedy to let anything spoil it.



# BLUE AND WHITE AND







**D**iego Armando Maradona, the 21-year-old star of Argentina, is rated as the biggest soccer genius to hit world football since Pele. One of the few players who always produces the unexpected. A potential match-winner who has already amazed fans in Europe and South America with his seemingly endless array of skills. Maradona was the world's first \$10 million footballer—that was how much it cost Boca Juniors to pry him away from Argentinos Juniors. He was an international at 16. A year later he was within a whisker of his country's 1978 World Cup squad. At 18 he led Argentina to the World Youth Championship and celebrated his 19th birthday as the youngest Argentine player ever to score 100 League goals.

But late in 1981 Maradona made headlines for the wrong reasons. He refused to attend the training camp for the friendlies against Poland and Czechoslovakia and manager Cesar Menotti was forced to play without his ace. Argentina drew one game and lost the other. Maradona was the villain . . . but it was obvious how much his country needed him. Maradona will be in Spain, though, where he can prove worthy of the number one rating he's been given.

"He has all the talent in the world," says Menotti.





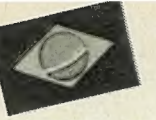
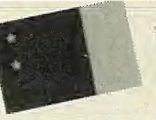

"Now, he must show the world just how good he is."



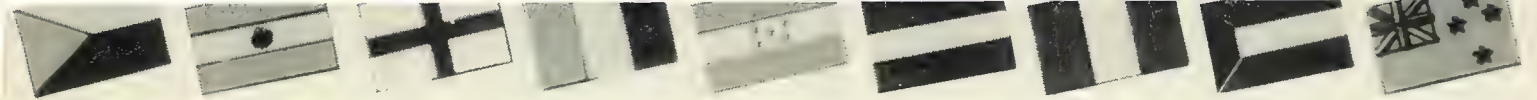
*June 25th, 1978 . . . and Argentina were Champions of the World. When Daniel Passarella lifted the World Cup aloft, a nation which has won admirers everywhere with its unique way of backing the team, went wild. No one who was there to witness the scenes will ever forget them. Now, four years later, Passarella is confident Argentina can retain the trophy in Europe, where South Americans traditionally struggle. "I'm sure we'll win," says the 28-year-old defender. "We have a great team and we'll be at our peak. I can just imagine it now—Argentina against West Germany in the Final. I can see Maradona breaking through, and Fillol stopping the German tanks. Of course, a bad bounce or a shot against the post could make all the difference. I still remember how Holland hit an upright in the last seconds four years ago. I've put myself in the Dutchmen's position many times. It must have been a disappointing blow. So near, yet so far. . . ."*



# World Cup FINGER TIP FACTS

							
COUNTRY	ALGERIA	ARGENTINA	AUSTRIA	BELGIUM	BRAZIL	CAMEROON	CHILE
AREA	2,500,000km <sup>2</sup>	3,900,000km <sup>2</sup>	83,850km <sup>2</sup>	30,513km <sup>2</sup>	8,500,000km <sup>2</sup>	475,000km <sup>2</sup>	756,945km <sup>2</sup>
POPULATION	18,000,000	26,000,000	7,500,000	10,000,000	119,000,000	7,000,000	10,500,000
LANGUAGE	Arabic, French	Spanish	German	Flemish, French	Portuguese	French	Spanish
NUMBER OF CLUBS	780	3,035	1,971	3,320	12,877	200	4,598
F.A. FOUNDED	1962	1893	1904	1895	1914	1960	1895
AFFILIATED TO F.I.F.A.	1963	1912	1905	1904	1923	1962	1912
NUMBER OF PLAYERS	58,567	306,355	287,000	283,960	551,358	9,328	609,724
LEADING CLUBS	Tizi Ouzou Mahd Mouloudia	River Plate Boca Juniors	Austria Vienna Rapid Vienna	Anderlecht Standard Liege FC Bruges	Flamengo Corinthians	Canon Yaounde Union Douala	Palestino Cobreloa Colo Colo
NATIONAL STADIUM	5th July Stadium	River Plate Stadium	Weiner Stadium	Heysel Stadium	Maracana	Ahmadou Ahidjo Stadium	National Stadium
COLOURS	Shirts-Green   Shorts-White   Socks-Red	Light Blue & White stripes Black White	White Black Black	All Red	Yellow Blue White	Green Red Yellow	Red Blue White
SEASON	September- June	February- December	Aug-Dec Feb-June	August- June	Jan-June Aug-Dec	October- August	April- December
WORLD CUP HISTORY	—	1930-2nd 1978-Winners	1934-4th 1954-3rd	Never past First Round	1938-3rd 1950-2nd 1958-Winners 1962-Winners 1970-Winners 1974-4th 1978-3rd	—	1962-3rd
APPEARANCES IN FINALS	0	7	4	5	11	0	5
MANAGER	Rachid Mekhloufi	Cesar Menotti	Georg Schmidt	Guy Thys	Tele Santana	Rudi Gutendorf	Luis Santibañez
PLAYERS TO WATCH	Belloumi Fergani	Maradona Diaz Passarella	Pezzey Krankl Prohaska	Ceulemans Czerniatynski Meeuws	Junior Zico Socrates & 8 others	N'Kono Milla	Yañez Figueroa Caszely
POSSIBLE LINE-UP	Cerbah Larbes Kourichi Guendouz Mansouri Kaci Said Fergani Belloumi Madjer Zidane Gamouh	Fillol Olguin Luis Galvan Passarella Tarantini Ardiles Gallego Maradona Bertoni Ramon Diaz Kempes	Koncilia Krauss Weber Pezzey Mirnegg Prohaska K. Jara Hattenberger Welzl Krankl Hagmayer	Pfaff Gerets Millecamps Meeuws Renquin Van Moer Vercauteren Vandereycken Czerniatynski Van den Bergh Ceulemans	Valdir Peres Leandro Oscar Luisinho Junior Zico Socrates Cerezo Falcão Paulo Isidoro Roberto	N'Kono Kaham Aoudou Doumbé Leá M'Bom Kunde Abega Tokoto Bahoken Milla N'Guea	Osben Garrido Valenzuela Figueroa Bigorra Dubo Rojas Bonvallet Moscoso Caszely Yañez





CZECHO-SLOVAKIA	EL SALVADOR	ENGLAND	FRANCE	HONDURAS	HUNGARY	ITALY	KUWAIT	NEW ZEALAND
49,370km <sup>2</sup>	21,000km <sup>2</sup>	50,056sq miles	550,985km <sup>2</sup>	112,088km <sup>2</sup>	93,030km <sup>2</sup>	324,000km <sup>2</sup>	5,800sq miles	103,000sq miles
15,000,000	4,500,000	56,000,000	52,000,000	4,000,000	10,500,000	54,000,000	1,500,000	2,786,123
Czech-Slovak	Spanish	English	French	Spanish	Hungarian	Italian	Arabic	English
5,919	944	40,000	20,938	550	2,503	19,084	14	312
1901	1935	1863	1919	1951	1901	1898	1952	1891
1906	1938	1905	1904	1951	1907	1905	1962	1948
541,379	21,294	1,500,000	1,430,679	15,300	143,675	1,022,030	1,526	52,969
Dukla Prague Sparta Prague Banik Ostrava	At Marte Santiagueno	Liverpool Man. Utd. Aston Villa Arsenal	St. Etienne Nantes Monaco	Espana Motagua	Ferencvaros Ujpest Dosza Honved	Juventus Inter Milan AC Milan	Al-Arabi Al-Shabab	Christchurch Utd. Mount Wellington
Strahov Stadium	"Flor Blanca" Stadium	Wembley Stadium	Parc des Princes Stadium	National Stadium	Nep Stadium	Olympic Stadium	Kuwait Sporting Club Stadium	Newmarket Park
Red White Blue	All Blue	White Blue White	Blue White Red	Red White Green	Red White Green	Blue White Blue	Blue White Blue	White Black White
Aug-Nov March-June	March-December	August-May	July-June	February-December	Sep-Dec. March-June	September-June	October-May	March-October
1934-2nd 1962-2nd	Never past First Round	1966-Winners	1958-3rd	—	1954-2nd	1934-Winners 1938-Winners 1970-2nd 1978-4th	—	—
6	1	6	7	0	7	9	0	0
Josef Venglos	Pipo Rodriguez	Ron Greenwood	Michel Hidalgo	Chelato	Kalman Meszoly	Enzo Bearzot	Carlos Alberto Parreira	John Adshead
Masny Panenka Nehoda	Mora Huezos Gonzalez	Keegan Robson Francis	Platini Bossis Six	A. Costly Maradiaga Figueroa	Meszaros Nyilasi Torocsik	Rossi Scirea Tardelli	Al Houti Al Anbari	Turner Wooddin Sumner
Hruska Jakubec Vojacek Fiala Barmos Kozak Bicovsky Panenka Masny Nehoda Kriz	Mora Osorto Jovel Rodriguez Recinos Rugamos Huezos Quinteros Aquino Hernandez Gonzalez	Clemence Neal Martin Thompson Mills Coppell Hoddle Robson Brooking Keegan Francis	Castaneda Janvion Tresor Lopez Bossis Tigana Giresse Platini Rocheteau Lacombe Six	Arzu Gutierrez A. Costly Villegas Bulnes Bernandez Maradiaga Toledo Figueroa J. Costly Bueso	Meszaros Szanto Balint Garaba Toth Muller Nyilasi Sallai Fazekas Kiss Torocsik	Zoff Gentile Collovati Scirea Cabrini Altobelli Tardelli Dossena Conti Rossi Bettiga	Al Tarabulsi Maayouf Joumaa Al Mubarak Al Houti Karam Al Dakheel Al Anbari Yacoub Bouloushi Al Shemmari	Wilson Dods Herbert Almond Elrick Mackay G. Turner Sumner B. Turner Rufur Wooddin





COUNTRY	N. IRELAND	PERU	POLAND	SCOTLAND	SPAIN	USSR	W. GERMANY	YUGOSLAVIA
AREA	5,242sq miles	1,311,030km <sup>2</sup>	311,730km <sup>2</sup>	77,205sq miles	506,787km <sup>2</sup>	22,400,000km <sup>2</sup>	249,014km <sup>2</sup>	255,804km <sup>2</sup>
POPULATION	1,500,000	18,000,000	34,500,000	5,200,000	35,000,000	255,500,000	61,500,000	20,500,000
LANGUAGE	English	Spanish	Polish	English	Spanish	Russian	German	Serbo-Croatian
NUMBER OF CLUBS	1,555	10,000	5,334	5,479	7,581	51,299	18,987	4,298
F.A. FOUNDED	1880	1922	1919	1873	1913	1912	1900	1919
AFFILIATED TO F.I.F.A.	1911	1924	1923	1910	1904	1946	1904	1919
NUMBER OF PLAYERS	24,158	325,650	234,052	130,000	318,392	4,300,000	4,403,411	230,405
LEADING CLUBS	Linfield Glentoran	Sp. Cristal Alianza	Ruch Chorzow Gornik	Celtic Rangers Aberdeen Dundee Utd.	Real Madrid Barcelona Real Sociedad	Dynamo Kiev Dynamo Tbilisi Dynamo Moscow	Bayern Munich Cologne Hamburger SV	Red Star Hajduk Split Partizan Belgrade
NATIONAL STADIUM	Windsor Park	National Stadium	Slaski Stadium	Hampden Park	Bernabeu Stadium	Lenin Stadium	Olympic Stadium	Red Star Stadium
COLOURS	Green White Green	White with Red sash White White	Red Red White	Blue White Red	Red Blue Black	Red White Red	White Black White	Blue White Red
SEASON	August- May	April- December	March-June Aug-Nov.	August- May	September- June	April- November	August- June	September- June
WORLD CUP HISTORY	1958-Quarter Finals	1970-Quarter Finals 1978-Second Stage	1974-3rd	Never past First round	1950-4th	1966-4th	1954-Winners 1958-4th 1966-2nd 1970-3rd 1974-Winners	1962-4th
APPEARANCES IN FINALS	1	3	3	4	5	4	9	6
MANAGER	Billy Bingham	Tim	Antoni Piechniczek	Jock Stein	Jose Santamaria	Konstantin Beskov	Jupp Derwall	Miljan Miljanic
PLAYERS TO WATCH	Jennings McIlroy Brotherston	Uribe Cueto Oblitas	Boniek Zmuda Smolarek	Hansen Strachan Robertson	Arconada Zamora Juanito	Kipiani Blokhin Shengalia	Breitner Rummenigge Briegel Fischer	Surjak Pantelic Halihodzic
POSSIBLE LINE-UP	Jennings J. Nicholl C. Nicholl J. O'Neill Donaghy M. O'Neill McCreery McIlroy Hamilton Armstrong Brotherston	Quiroga Duarte Diaz Chumpitaz Rojas Velasquez Cubillas Cueto Barbadillo Uribe Oblitas	Mlynarczyk Dziuba Zmuda Janas Jalocha Matysik Majewski Boniek Lato Iwan Smolarek	Rough McGrain McLeish Hansen F. Gray Hartford Strachan Souness Robertson Dalglish Archibald	Arconada Camacho Tendillo Alesanco Gordillo Alonso Zamora Victor Juanito Satrustegui Lopez Ufarte	Dasajev Borovski Chivadze Susloparov Demjanenko Burjak Kipiani Gavrilov Darasebija Shengalia Blokhin	Schumacher Kaltz K. H. Forster Stielike Briegel Dremmler Breitner Magath Littbarski Fischer Rummenigge	Pantelic Stojkovic Buljan Zajec Gudelj Surjak Zlatko Vujovic Petrovic Siljivo Halihodzic Pasic



**You've probably seen the headlines. "England Players Top ETA Hit List", "ETA Bomb Warning to England Fans", "England Fans Bigger Menace Than ETA".**

There have been plenty to choose from. And while Scotland and Northern Ireland are heading for the relatively tranquil waters of Malaga and Zaragoza, the imminent arrival of thousands of England fans has done little to cheer up the security forces in Bilbao, where the terrorist activities of Basque Separationist group ETA have converted the region into what the locals describe as "the Ulster of Spain".

SHOOT went to Bilbao and talked to the General Secretary at the Jefatura Superior de Policia.

He told us about the 'normal' security measures being applied to Scots and Irish, plus the special problem posed by the arrival of England and France.



*The ugly face of English football.*

foot in Spain.

"On match days it won't be easy to separate rival fans, because of the way that tickets have been distributed.

"We'll probably be making spot security searches at the entrances to the grounds. No bottles will be allowed inside the stadium, and the sale of alcohol will almost certainly be prohibited.

"If there's any trouble on the terraces we'll use a minimum of force to sort things out, and we'll only use tear gas if all else fails.

"These are not special measures for England fans—I think they'll be the same at all the venues.

"For the benefit of anyone who's tempted to step out of line, I'd like to explain that the law is the same for everybody in Spain—residents and tourists.

"There'll be extra urban patrols to try to stop trouble before it starts—especially in Bilbao, where the backdrop of terrorist activities unfortunately means

# 'NO SPECIAL TREATMENT FOR ENGLAND FANS'

## —Bilbao Police chief

**6** I realise that there have been some sensational headlines in the British Press about ETA's intention of hitting the England team or the fans. To tell you the truth, this makes no difference to us at all.

"The reports and the threats may or may not be true, but in any case we must act as if they were true. We must be prepared for the worst.

"What's more, we're not talking only about England in this context. Look through the list of the 24 Finalists and you'll see that in theory practically all of them

could be attacked for political motives.

"El Salvador, Chile, Argentina, Poland, USSR, New Zealand. . . practically every country is unpopular with *someone* these days.

"So we've got to be on the ball in every venue. You know, since the Black September episode at the 1972 Olympics the attitudes and methods of security forces all over the world have changed—and we're no exception. We must be prepared for everything.

"I won't deny there's a certain amount of apprehension in Spain about the arrival of the British fans in particular.

"Nobody here has forgotten what the Glasgow Rangers fans did in Barcelona in 1972, and since then your fans have earned themselves a terrible reputation.

"But we do realise that it's a minority and that not every England fan is a delinquent.

"So don't think that British fans are going to be treated like criminals from the moment they set

that we're well trained in maintaining urban security.

"Basically, a person who's drunk will simply be picked up and put in the 'calabozo' to cool his heels overnight.

"Anyone who damages property or who gets involved in a fight is immediately in more serious trouble.

"If the property damage doesn't exceed £90, he'll pay the damages and a fine on top. If the damage is over £90 or if people are injured, then the offender is jailed.

"No court case can even begin until the injured person is fully recovered, and it could take three months for the case to reach the courts.

"It's fair to say without the slightest exaggeration that for this type of offender the World Cup is finished. In fact he'd be lucky to be home by Christmas.

"By the way, the same system obviously applies for any incidents on trains or buses.

"I repeat, though, that there's no question of us being tougher or more lenient with visiting fans. The law is the same for everybody.

"The only slight variation is that deportation is a possibility for foreign offenders—that means we would escort them to the frontier, and they wouldn't be allowed to re-enter.

"I mentioned mugging earlier, and Bilbao has a fairly good record in this sense—better than most of the other venues in fact.

"I'm not a native of Bilbao myself, but I promise the England fans they'll be hard-pressed to find a city where they'll be given a warmer welcome than here.

"The people are open, friendly and love their football. It really will be a pity if there's trouble. . .



*Italian riot police move in during the England/Belgium game in the 1980 European Championship Finals.*



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## spells success

Brazil captain Carlos Alberto with the World Cup after their victory in the 1970 Final against Italy in Mexico.



**B**razil are the World Cup kings—and there are a wealth of statistics to prove it. They're the only nation on earth to have played in all 11 World Cup Finals series. They've won more games than anybody else. They've scored more goals than anybody else. They've played in four Finals and won three of them. They've been third twice and fourth once. In the World Cup League they're the runaway leaders, with only West Germany within anything like striking distance and British teams well out of the running. Have a look at this all-time World Cup table and you'll see what we mean.

### APPEARANCE IN FINALS

Country	Finals	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
1 Brazil	11	52	33	10	9	119	56	76
2 West Germany	9	47	28	9	10	110	68	65
3 Italy	9	36	20	6	10	62	40	46
4 Uruguay	7	29	14	5	10	57	39	33
5 Argentina	7	29	14	5	10	55	43	33
6 Hungary	7	26	13	2	11	73	42	28
7 Sweden	7	28	11	6	11	48	46	28
8 England	6	24	10	6	8	34	28	26
9 Yugoslavia	6	25	11	3	11	45	34	25
10 USSR	4	19	10	3	6	30	21	23
11 Holland	4	16	8	3	5	32	19	19
12 Poland	3	14	9	1	4	27	17	19
13 Austria	4	18	9	1	8	33	36	19
14 Czechoslovakia	6	22	8	3	11	32	36	19
15 France	7	20	8	1	11	43	38	17
16 Chile	5	18	7	3	8	23	24	17
17 Spain	5	18	7	3	8	22	25	17
18 Switzerland	6	18	5	2	11	28	44	12
19 Portugal	1	6	5	0	1	17	8	10
20 Mexico	8	24	3	4	17	21	62	10
21 Peru	3	12	4	1	7	17	25	9
22 Scotland	4	11	2	4	5	12	21	8
23 East Germany	1	6	2	2	2	5	5	6
24 Paraguay	3	7	2	2	3	12	19	6
25 USA	3	7	3	0	4	12	21	6
26 Wales	1	5	1	3	1	4	4	5
27 N. Ireland	1	5	2	1	2	6	10	5
28 Rumania	4	8	2	1	5	12	17	5
29 Bulgaria	4	12	0	4	8	9	29	4
30 Tunisia	1	3	1	1	1	3	2	3
31 N. Korea	1	4	1	1	2	5	9	3
32 Cuba	1	3	1	1	1	5	12	3
33 Belgium	5	9	1	1	7	12	26	3
34 Turkey	1	3	1	0	2	10	11	2
35 Israel	1	3	1	0	2	1	3	1
36 Morocco	1	3	0	1	2	2	6	1
37 Colombia	1	3	0	1	2	5	11	1
38 Iran	1	3	0	1	2	2	8	1
39 Australia	1	3	0	1	2	0	5	1
40 Norway	1	1	0	0	1	1	2	0
41 Egypt	1	1	0	0	1	2	4	0
42 Dutch East Indies	1	1	0	0	1	0	6	0
43 El Salvador	1	3	0	0	3	0	9	0
44 Haiti	1	3	0	0	3	2	14	0
45 Zaire	1	3	0	0	3	0	14	0
46 Bolivia	1	3	0	0	3	0	16	0
47 South Korea	1	2	0	0	2	0	16	0

Just in case you think that Brazil are top of the table purely because they've competed in more World Cups than anybody else, take a look at the next League table based on the average number of points obtained from each game played.

Oddly, in the all-time chart, Portugal come out on top with an average 1.66 points per game obtained in their only World Cup appearance in 1966, when England alone beat them! But, counting only the 1982 Finalists, here's the historical table:

Country	Average points per game played
1 Brazil	1.46
2 West Germany	1.38
3 Poland	1.36
4 Italy	1.28
5 USSR	1.21
6 Argentina	1.14
7 England	1.08
8 Hungary	1.08
9 Austria	1.06
10 N. Ireland	1.00
Yugoslavia	1.00
12 Chile	0.94
Spain	0.94
14 Czechoslovakia	0.86
15 France	0.85
16 Peru	0.75
17 Scotland	0.73
18 Belgium	0.33
19 El Salvador	0.00

And if it's goals you're looking for, history points to Hungary as the World Cup's sharpest shooters, while El Salvador will be hoping to break their duck. Here's the all-time goalscoring table:

Country	Average goals per game
1 Hungary	2.81
2 West Germany	2.34
3 Brazil	2.29
4 France	2.15
5 Poland	1.93
6 Argentina	1.90
7 Austria	1.83
8 Yugoslavia	1.80
9 Italy	1.72
10 USSR	1.58
11 Czechoslovakia	1.45
12 England	1.42
13 Peru	1.42
14 Belgium	1.33
15 Chile	1.28
16 Spain	1.22
17 N. Ireland	1.20
18 Scotland	1.09
19 El Salvador	0.00

● NB The other five Finalists have never played in the World Cup Finals.



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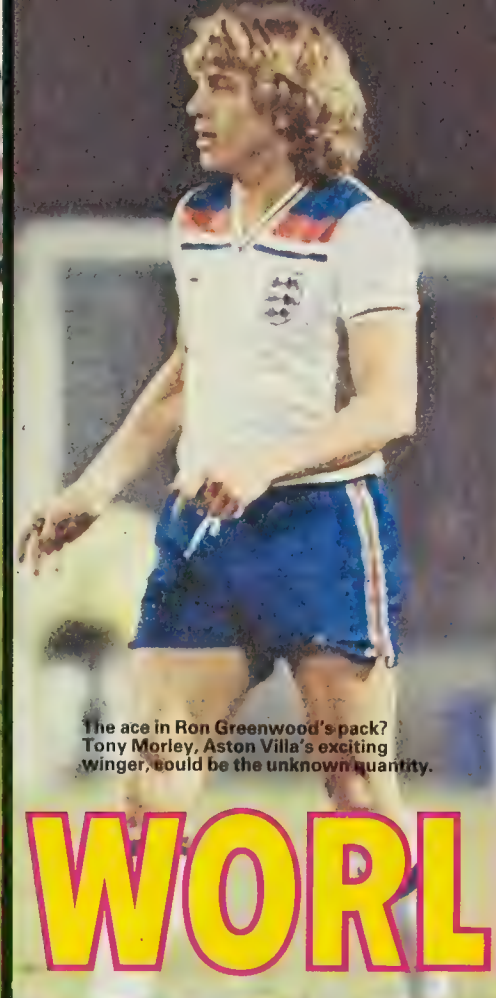
*The team back from the 1982 World Cup following the defeat in Norway to be on top of the world after the victory over Hungary at Wembley. England go to Spain confident they can make a good account of themselves and here we spotlight some of the men who could shine during the Finals.*

FROM LEFT: Kevin Keegan, Ray Clemence, Terry McDermott, Paul Allen, Ruud Geurtsma, Trevor Francis, Phil Thompson, Phil Neal, Mick Mills, Chris Riddle, Brian Robson

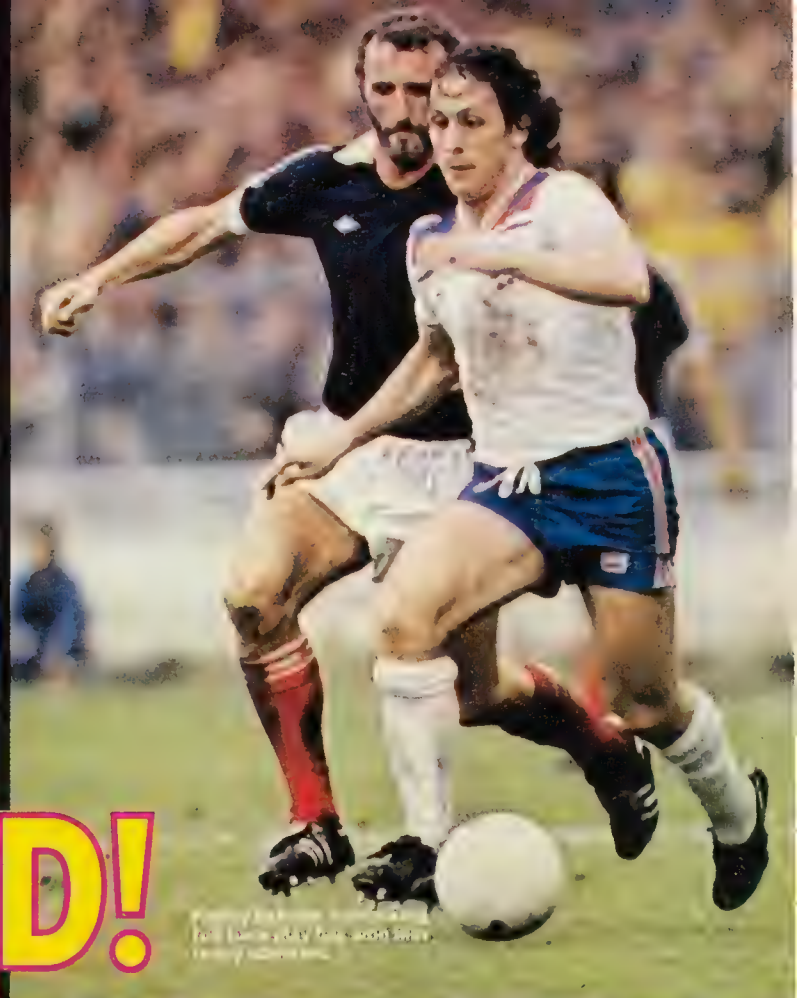
Ray Wilkins was England's best player in the 1980 European Championship Final. He scored the winning goal for England in Spain.

Wilkins was the last of the great players to play for England. He is a true legend of the game and a true hero of the nation.





The ace in Ron Greenwood's pack?  
Tony Morley, Aston Villa's exciting  
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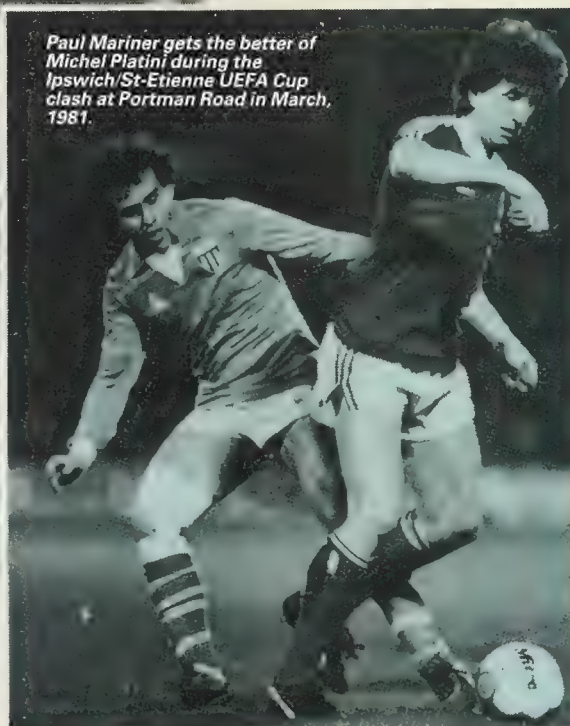


# Treat every game like the Final!



## That's Mick Mills' advice for England

Paul Mariner gets the better of Michel Platini during the Ipswich/St-Etienne UEFA Cup clash at Portman Road in March, 1981.



**E**ngland's best chance of World Cup glory in Spain is to treat each game as if it were the Final itself.

That's the view of Ipswich skipper Mick Mills, one of Ron Greenwood's most experienced players with more than 700 games for his club and 35 senior international appearances behind him.

Mills, who celebrated his 33rd birthday in January, is satisfied with England's grouping alongside France, Czechoslovakia and Kuwait, but warns: "The biggest danger will be to under-estimate any of them."

"First reaction is to regard Kuwait as just being there to make up the numbers. They can't really be taken seriously as group winners, but we will have to treat them with as much respect as any team we are likely to meet in Spain."

"On the face of it we are far more organised, we are more professional and we have a higher skill level."

"Everything points to England beating Kuwait, but in the end it will come down to attitude on the day."

Mills, who had led England on three occasions including the World Cup qualifying game

against Switzerland at Wembley, has experience of playing Kuwait when Ipswich travelled there for an exhibition match four years ago.

"It was a case of travelling one day, playing the next and then catching the first plane home again," he says.

"I wouldn't like to comment on the strength of Kuwait as a national side from that very brief experience."

### Progress

"The very fact that we were invited there shows how keen they are to progress."

Of the other two countries alongside England in Group Four, Mills feels France pose the greater threat.

He adds: "I think they are under-rated as a side. If you check the World Cup records you'll find they haven't done at all badly over the years."

"I remember them playing well in Argentina and everyone agreeing that they were unlucky

not to get the results to match their performances."

"They have a number of talented individuals and their only flaw is that they possibly lack a bit of resilience."

"One big advantage they'll have is that they probably won't be fancied to do all that well. There won't be any great pressure on them to do well."

"I get the impression France are always pretty relaxed about the whole affair. They don't seem to fear the occasion in the slightest."

"I'd say France qualified from the toughest of the European groups. They were paired with Belgium, Holland and Eire and there weren't any easy games."

"Our Dutch lads, Arnold Muhren and Frans Thijssen, were hoping to be in Spain and it was the French who wrecked their chances."

Mills led Ipswich to success in the UEFA Cup last season and arguably their best result was achieved in France when they inflicted upon high-flying

St.-Etienne only their third home defeat in 31 European games.

Ipswich won convincingly by 4-1 and completed the job with a 3-1 victory at Portman Road in the second-leg against a side expected to supply the bulk of the French squad for Spain.

One of the keys to Town's success was keeping free-kick specialist Michel Platini quiet.

But in an earlier round, another dead-ball expert had caused them several anxious moments.

When Antonin Panenka of Bohemians netted with a stunning 20-yard free-kick in Prague it left Ipswich hanging on to a 3-2 aggregate lead that eventually proved good enough to book a third round place.

Panenka is sure to be a key figure in the Czechoslovakia line-up but Mills says: "Every team is geared to coping with the threat that he and Platini pose."

"Years ago, when goals became increasingly more difficult to score, teams came up with the answer in players who could exploit dead-ball situations which were never previously considered to be scoring chances."

### Reputation

"These players earned a reputation for themselves almost overnight but just as there has been a great deal of time spent perfecting techniques to score goals, a lot of time has been spent on finding ways to prevent them."

"This forms an important part of our preparations for every game and we'll really have to be clued up in Spain. Just imagine going out of the tournament on a free-kick!"

Mills feels Czechoslovakia are capable of producing the goods but questions whether they will be good travellers or relish the thought of playing in high temperatures.

He has no such fears of England, although he admits the conditions in Spain will favour a certain type of player.

"I think we can expect a slower build-up with more emphasis on defence," he explains.

"That's not really the English way but every member of the squad will be far travelled in football terms and should be able to adjust."

Now Mills is left hoping that he will win a place in the final squad.

"Since I started playing football for a living it has been my ambition to play in the World Cup Finals," he says.

"And at my age I know this is my very last chance."



England might do a lot better than most people think when the World Cup Finals get under way in Spain.

That's the view of Bobby Moore. And he should know what he is talking about.

"Moore", of course, skippered England on that memorable day in 1966—when they beat West Germany 4-2 to win the World Cup at Wembley.

He also played in the World Cups of 1962 and 1970 during a glittering career that earned him a record 108 caps and a reputation as a master defender.

His knowledge of the game is vast—his opinions widely respected. So when he says England could do well in Spain that should fill their fans with hope.

Moore urges England to go out and enjoy themselves in front of the biggest audiences they will ever play before—world wide TV coverage will make sure of that.

"Everybody wants to be the best in the world. England have the biggest stage of all now to make their claim," says Moore.

"The World Cup is THE competition as far as footballers are concerned. It is the ultimate—the game can't offer anything bigger.

"Holding that World Cup aloft after we won it in 1966 was without any doubt the



Flashback to July 30th, 1966... England captain Bobby Moore is carried shoulder-high by jubilant team-mates after the dramatic extra-time win over West Germany.

# 'NO SURPRISE IF ENGLAND DID WELL'

*-Bobby Moore*



Glenn Hoddle should go flat out to establish himself as an England regular.

"We still have a reputation in the international arena—and if the lads live up to it they might give the game the fillip it so desperately needs.

"All I hope is that some of the youngsters on the fringe of the team—people like Glenn Hoddle—now go flat out to achieve the final breakthrough and establish themselves in the side.

"The openings are there. It's up to them to take them."

If Moore, reluctantly, rules out England as likely winners, who does he see parading the trophy on a triumphant lap of honour after the Final—in Madrid on July 11?

"Brazil, of course, have got to be among the favourites. It would take a brave man to back against them and they are going to be there or thereabouts at the end of it.

"The whole world knows about Brazil. We have all watched and marvelled at them through the medium of TV. And after their exploits in winning the last World Cup we know a lot about Argentina, too.

## Discipline

"If they can maintain their discipline away from their own country they have got to be in with a very good chance as well.

"Europe's best bet? It has to be West Germany. And in view of the host nation's track record in the competition you can't rule out Spain.

"Best dark horse? In common with a lot of people I'm going for the USSR. They qualified so convincingly from a group that included Wales they have got to be taken very seriously.

"They are keeping, as they say, a low profile and we don't know too much about them. But I was among the thousands who marvelled at their individual skills when watching one of their top club sides, Dynamo Tbilisi, convincingly beat West Ham 4-1 in the Cup Winners' Cup at Upton Park last season.

"Tbilisi have some superb individual players. And as most of them are in the national squad they are sure to provide formidable opposition.

"It's going to be difficult for England. Difficult—but not impossible. So let's all wish our lads the best of luck as they prepare to tackle their task against the rest of the world in Spain."

highlight of my career. It was a marvellous moment and I will never forget it.

"You get a lot of satisfaction from other things—winning honours at home and in Europe with your club, gaining international caps, for example.

"But playing in—and winning—the World Cup beats the lot. It is something very special.

"It's an honour and a privilege to play in the World Cup Finals and I just hope our lads go out and do themselves justice.

"After the way they sneaked in through the back door they are being given no chance at all. But it would not surprise me if they did well.

"Being realistic you can't mark them down as likely winners. They can't be put in that bracket because of the trouble they had in qualifying and on our record over recent years.

"But now they have qualified—however it was achieved—the pressure is off and I suspect they will do a lot better than most people seem to think.

"Whatever sort of form England are showing, no matter how up and down their results—nobody looks forward to playing against them.



England will rely heavily on large helpings of their traditional competitive spirit, a burning pride to do well, and a fierce determination to hit back at some of the jibes they have suffered in the qualifying games leading to the World Cup Finals.

Several England players, notably Kevin Keegan, Trevor Brooking, Phil Neal, Mick Mills, Terry McDermott and Phil Thompson, know this could be the only appearance they will make at a World Cup Finals and they will want to climax their international careers with a performance to remember.

Ron Greenwood describes England's hopes this way: "What we lack technically in comparison with West Germany, Brazil, Argentina and some of the others, we will compensate for in courage and competitiveness."

He hints that there will be few surprises when he chooses his squad of 22 for Spain. He has pencilled in at least 16 names already and unless a player emerges in the next few weeks to force him to change his mind, he will keep faith with the men who have served him well in getting to Spain.

He confesses that the people's

## RON GREENWOOD exclusive

SHOOT's Bill Day obtained this exclusive interview with Ron Greenwood on England's prospects for the World Cup Finals in Spain.

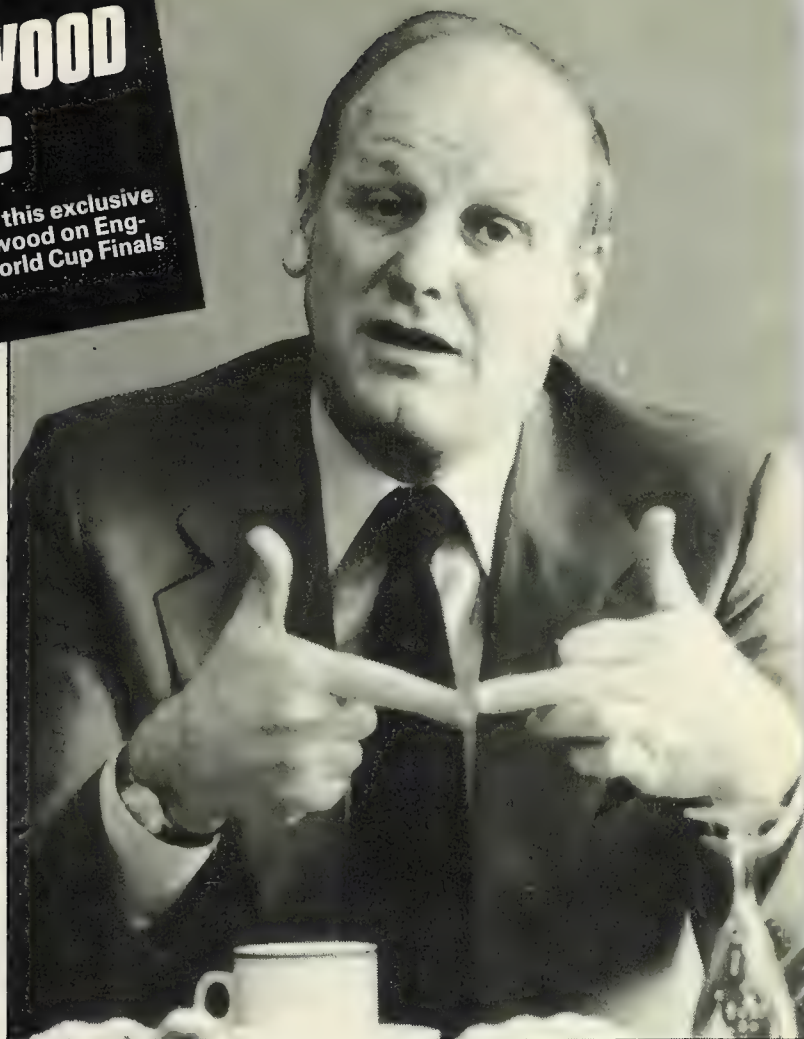
style of Liverpool's midfield player Terry McDermott.

Who are the other fringe players who could force Greenwood's hand? The England boss is sceptical about many of the names put forward.

Their favourite, Cyrille Regis, the West Bromwich Albion striker, has impressed Greenwood as much as anyone with his goal-scoring feats this season.

But the England manager assesses the contribution he could make more deeply than others.

"What are Cyrille's strengths? He likes to run forward with the ball and get behind the centre-half. When he does it in England there is no one behind the defender to prevent him from shoot-



# Hoddle headache

favourite, Glenn Hoddle, gives him a headache. Greenwood's critics argue that the England manager is misguided in limiting the Tottenham maestro's appearances.

Typically, Greenwood will not reveal his thoughts on selection at such an early stage in the World Cup build-up, but he does have a thing or two to say about Hoddle, brilliant one moment, infuriatingly erratic the next.

"International football demands consistency," Greenwood explains. "Glenn has not been consistent. I watched him play for Spurs against Leeds earlier this year. He was hitting balls to get Tony Galvin into the game.

"Trouble was Trevor Cherry, a very experienced defender, didn't bother to mark Galvin. He just stood intercepting Hoddle's long-range passes in space.

### Adapt

"Somebody like Glenn has got to be able to adapt and improvise. If one ploy doesn't work he must learn to try another. Men who can do that will do well in Spain.

"Only on one or two occasions has Glenn imposed himself on the game when he's played for England. He knows his problems. It's up to him."

Greenwood is critical of Hoddle's reluctance to run with the ball and take on players in the

Hoddle shows his style against Spain during the friendly at Wembley in 1981.



ing. When he does it on the Continent he will find another player waiting for him."

How to beat the sweeper system employed by most foreign sides is Greenwood's main priority.

"Glenn won't be able to hit long balls over the centre-half's head in Spain. If League clubs would play a libero (sweeper) they would give our players more experience against this type of defence.

"We talk about marking tightly in this country. We don't mark tightly. The Germans mark tightly. Kevin Keegan was marvellous at losing his marker when he returned from the Bundesliga.

"Peter Barnes has done well against it; Tony Morley could. We need that type of player, but with great respect to Glenn we don't need a player who hits 60-yard balls down their throats."

Greenwood does not share the view that his England squad is too old. He left many of his younger players in the stands last November, preferring the experience of Mick Mills, Terry McDermott, Phil Neal, Trevor Brooking and Phil Thompson to defeat the Hungarians.

"Possibly the best player in Europe at the moment is Belgium's Wilfried van Moer. And he's 37," argues Greenwood.

"My secret weapon in Spain could be Alan Ball." And he's not joking! "Ball wouldn't let me down. He plays very much like van Moer, with great passion.

"The players themselves will dictate who plays in Spain," Greenwood emphasises. "I remember the emergence of young Martin Peters at West Ham. He kept impressing me so much that I had to choose him for the League team.

"The youngsters have got to prove to me they are better than the men in possession at the moment," he says forcibly, suggesting that Kenny Sansom, Derek Statham, Cyrille Regis, Tony Morley, Alan Devonshire, and Glenn Hoddle have a lot to do to win an England cap in Spain.

### Versatility

He admires versatility, keeping faith with players like Bryan Robson and Terry McDermott at the expense of less flexible individuals. Robson's ability to play as a sweeper or as an attacking midfielder delights Greenwood. Similarly, he admires McDermott's ability to tackle back or run at defences.

Gary Shaw's poor showing this season emphasises Greenwood's reluctance to select players until their consistency is beyond criticism. The Villa striker showed brilliant form in 1980-81 but has not fulfilled his promise this season after injury.

"I'm not excluding Shaw, Barnes, Regis, any of them, but I'm putting this job of selection in perspective. Consistency, that's the name of the game at international level."



# 'I've kept my promise'

**R**on Greenwood made a simple pledge on the day he accepted the Football Association's invitation to become England's manager in 1977.

He promised to steer England to the European Championship in 1980 and to their first appearance in a World Cup Finals for 12 years.

England duly achieved the first objective by appearing in a dull European Championship in Italy with Ray Wilkins and only one or two others returning home with their reputations intact.

Now, England prepare to fulfil Ron Greenwood's second commitment to the F.A., by gracing a World Cup Finals for the first time since Alf Ramsey's squad were outwitted by West Germany in the Quarter-Finals of the Mexico Finals in 1970.

Greenwood could be arrogant enough to say: "I've done my job".

Ron Greenwood is not of that ilk. He is first and foremost a gentleman with a fierce loyalty to the game he loves and a determination to restore pride to a national team that had seriously lost its way in the latter part of the Ramsey era and under Don Revie's unimpressive reign.

Greenwood won't admit it

publicly but he inherited a shambles from Don Revie. Some players appeared to have little or no respect for the white shirt they wore and the term "walk-out" was becoming a common occurrence among a few temperamental stars.

Greenwood chose only those prepared to die for their country and honour was restored. Greenwood will not be drawn on such matters, but he will speak until sunset about *his* England.

"When I took office England hadn't been in Europe for many

years and hadn't been to a World Cup since 1970. I'm pleased to say we have achieved both objectives.

"But now there is work to be done in Spain. Our first priority is to reach the Second Round. Who knows after that?"

"Talking hypothetically, if we finish first in our group and the Germans win their group, then we finish up with the Germans in Madrid.

"If we finish second and Spain come first, then we should meet up with the host nation in the

could be the vast support France will receive from their hordes of admirers who will journey across the Pyrenees to cheer them in Bilbao.

"I'm not saying France are unbeatable. The Irish beat them and other countries have succeeded. They are not to be underestimated, but then England are sometimes better against a team they respect than one they are expected to beat handsomely."

CZECHOSLOVAKIA rely heavily on experience but Greenwood is aware of a talented group of youngsters awaiting their opportunity in the wings.

"Like us they have older players such as the gifted Nehoda and Masny. But they have Canako and players like that come through from a flourishing Under-21 team that bodes well for their future.

## Not easy

"Wales beat them and Iceland drew with them, so we must not consider them unbeatable. They won't be easy though."

The Fleet Street sports columnist who suggested Greenwood knows little or nothing about Kuwait is wrong in his interpretation of the situation. The England supremo knows less about the Middle East national side than England's other Group Four opponents, but come the World Cup Finals Kevin Keegan and the team will have done their homework.

Greenwood has already picked the brains of the contingent of English coaches who have worked in Kuwait. Allan Brown, Blackpool's manager, Ron Heckman, who used to play for Leyton Orient, Ron Lewin, once of Newcastle and Gillingham, and Dave



Czech striker Masny breaks through the West Germany defence.

## Second Round."

Ron Greenwood is cautiously optimistic about England's chances of qualifying from a "formidable" Group Four. His opinion of rivals France, Czechoslovakia and the outsiders Kuwait is revealing.

FRANCE, England's opponents in the first game on June 16, are well capable of springing a surprise, claims Greenwood.

"They play wonderful football and I thought them unlucky not to proceed beyond the group matches at the last World Cup. Their problem in Argentina was a shortage of goals.

## Few goalscorers

"Just Fontaine, their former international, told me before that tournament, 'Our trouble, Ronnie, is that we don't have men to score goals'."

The England boss believes France could be more dangerous this time. He says that England will have great respect for France's outstanding individuals.

"Rocheteau is sharp again. Platini, older and wiser, is more dominant than before. Six, who got a goal against Italy in the opening game in 1978, is vastly more experienced after playing in Germany. Tresor and Lopez are fine players, so there's danger there from several areas."

Another significant factor



Mackay, the old Spurs warhorse who is over there now, have willingly helped in England's preparation.

"The beauty of playing Kuwait last in the Group is that we have the opportunity to watch them a couple of times in Spain before we play them. I have also asked for Kuwait's fixture list and hope to see them before the Finals."

Brazil are Ron Greenwood's favourites to win the tournament.

"They have got it just about right," says Greenwood. "They have gone back to their traditional, exciting style, and if anyone is going to win the World Cup, and entertain the public at the same time, then my money is on Brazil."







Alvin Martin (centre) celebrates Paul Mariner's match-winning goal against Hungary at Wembley.

# UNDER THE HAMMER

**'But we'll prove critics wrong'  
—Alvin Martin**

**T**welve months ago Alvin Martin thought the nearest he would get to the World Cup Finals was watching them on television from the comfort of his armchair.

Not only were England doing their best to wreck their chances of qualifying. The young West Ham centre-half had still not won his first cap.

And with players like Russell Osman and Terry Butcher, of Ipswich, being strongly tipped to form a long partnership at the heart of England's defence it seemed he never would.

But after England had endured a series of disasters Martin was dramatically called up to face Brazil—and he seized the chance eagerly.

He came on against Scotland as substitute and was given the number five shirt for the vital qualifier against Hungary at Wembley on November 18.

Now he is on his way to Spain after what must surely be the most momentous year of his young life.

"It was certainly very eventful and increased my reputation as a player. But in fact the last *three* years have been memorable for me," says the 23-year-old Hammer.

"I have crammed more into them than many players do in their entire career and have three medals to show for it.

"We won the FA Cup in 1980,

reached the Final of the League Cup last season when we also won promotion to the First Division.

"So since I established myself in the side things have never stopped happening. Let's hope it continues like that.

"I was lucky enough to get into the West Ham team when manager John Lyall was re-shaping it.

## Faith

"Right from the start John had faith in me—much more than I had in myself. He stood by me all the way—and that belief eventually got through to me. Any rewards I am reaping now are largely due to his brilliant management.

"What chance have we got in Spain? That's a question everyone is asking—and the answer seems to be 'not much'.

"But I don't agree. Despite the struggle England had in qualifying I see no reason at all why we should not do well out there.

"What happened in the qualifying groups is all in the past

now. We all start even in Spain and the competition is so wide open I think you can mark down 14 of the 24 starters as possible winners.

"Obviously if you are naming favourites the old faithfuls like Brazil, Argentina and West Germany will crop up—and understandably so.

"I won my first cap against the Brazilians—so I know what to expect. And I also played against a lot of the Soviet Union side when Dynamo Tbilisi knocked West Ham out of the Cup-Winners' Cup last season.

"They showed tremendous skills in winning 4-1 at our place. I know what to expect from them as well now—and I have a sneaking fancy for them.

"But don't rule out England either. The pressure is off now we have qualified and this is the chance for us to go out and show what we can do.

"It just might be a whole lot more than most cynics think we are capable of.

"I just hope I'm 100 per cent fit again after injuring my collarbone earlier this year. I'm sure I shall be."

**E**veryone expects Manchester City goalkeeper Joe Corrigan to be in England's party of 22 to go to the World Cup Finals. No one expects him to play, bar an injury to both Ray Clemence and Peter Shilton. And if the Spurs and Forest 'keepers couldn't play, for one reason or another, no one would worry if Big Joe was suddenly thrown in at the deep end.

On club form over the past couple of years he is, possibly, the most consistent of the three. In last season's F.A. Cup Finals, Corrigan was voted Man of the Matches, some consolation for picking up a loser's medal.

Corrigan is a realist. He knows the situation, but says: "I'm still very disappointed every time an England team is announced and I'm not in goal."





If England are to succeed at international level, they must learn from the foreign players who have given so much to English clubs.

That's the view of Belgium manager Guy Thys (right), who is sorry his country weren't grouped with the team the Belgians didn't feel worthy of their number one seeding.

Belgium and England drew 1-1 in the 1980 European Championship and Thys says: "I don't think England have advanced since then."

"It's said that English soccer hasn't altered much in 100 years. I'd say certain aspects have remained the same."

## Boost

"However, the introduction of foreign players four years ago gave the English game a boost. When I watch Ipswich and Spurs play now it's obvious their Dutchmen and Argentines have had a great influence on their teams."

"Perhaps eventually the foreign players will change the mentality of English players."

"The English still prefer kick and rush because they like to

# 'ENGLAND MUST LEARN FROM THEIR FOREIGNERS'

please the fans.

"The national team has tried to get away from this type of approach, but not with great success. I believe Belgium has more variation in its play."

"England's key player is Trevor Brooking. At 33 he isn't very fast, but he is always one move ahead of the rest. I've noticed that most of England's best attacks are channelled through Brooking."

"I was told Kevin Keegan was past it, although when I've seen him play for Southampton this season he's seemed razor sharp. I think he'll be one of the star players in Spain."

"I'm surprised Glenn Hoddle isn't a regular. Six of Ron Greenwood's team have seen more than 30 Springs, as we say."

**says  
Belgium  
boss  
Guy Thys**



I think Hoddle can be an important player for England.

"Bryan Robson, as the defensive midfielder, is a strong player, allowing the attacking midfield men to go forward a lot."

"I think England get themselves into trouble at the back with their central defenders,



*Ipswich's Dutch midfielder Arnie Muhren.*

# NO CHANGE FOR FOUR YEARS

**'Same three England 'keepers in 1986' says Joe Corrigan**

And speaking about Ron Greenwood's embarrassment of riches for the goalkeeper's spot, Corrigan remarks: "No doubt he would like similar competition for other positions."

Corrigan has been a marvelous example and inspiration to England over the years. He's never moaned, trains harder than anyone, and has been honoured to play for the 'B' and Under-21 sides as an over-age player to help his country.

Clemence has been blamed for goals in England's World Cup qualifying campaign. A year ago Shilton turned his back on England, refusing to go

to Switzerland and Hungary for personal reasons.

"I could never refuse a call from England, but I appreciate others can in certain situations," says the Maine Road favourite.

Corrigan can't even look forward to a change in the situation in the future. He's the same age as his rivals—just over the 30-mark—and says: "I fully expect all three of us to be challenging for the jersey in 1986."

"Goalkeepers don't reach their peak until their late 20's. I've not even thought about retirement and when I see 'keepers such as Pat Jennings and Dino Zoff still performing at the highest level I see no reason why I shouldn't."

"I'm sure Ray and Peter feel the same. At 32 or 33 a goalkeeper can still have five or six years at the top left in him."

"I've often sat back and asked myself if all the hard work has been in vain, but it hasn't. Just being involved with England is a marvellous experience and I'll never give up hoping or trying."

"The only drawback about being involved at the top level is that it leaves players very little time to be with their families. In 1980 I had just 10 days off during the summer. After that, four weeks in 1981 seemed like an eternity."

"But who can grumble about going to the World Cup Finals?"

though.

"I prefer a stopper and a sweeper. England played two centre-halves and against Hungary at Wembley Alvin Martin and Phil Thompson weren't sure what their jobs were supposed to be."

"I was interested to see that England 'went Continental' and used Ray Wilkins as a sweeper against Northern Ireland in February. Whether they'll continue with this system I don't know, though."

"Paul Mariner is what I'd call a typical English centre-forward. He's good in the air, but the best centre-forward in the First Division is Frank Stapleton—unfortunately for Ron Greenwood an Irishman."

"I like English football. It's fast, exciting with plenty of incidents in the goal-mouth."

"England's national team needs the variation that players such as Ardiles, Muhren and Thijsen give to their clubs."

For Thys, whatever happens in Spain he seems to be safe.

Earlier in the year he signed a new contract that takes him up to the 1986 European Championship Finals—few of the 24 World Cup managers have had such a vote of confidence at this stage.





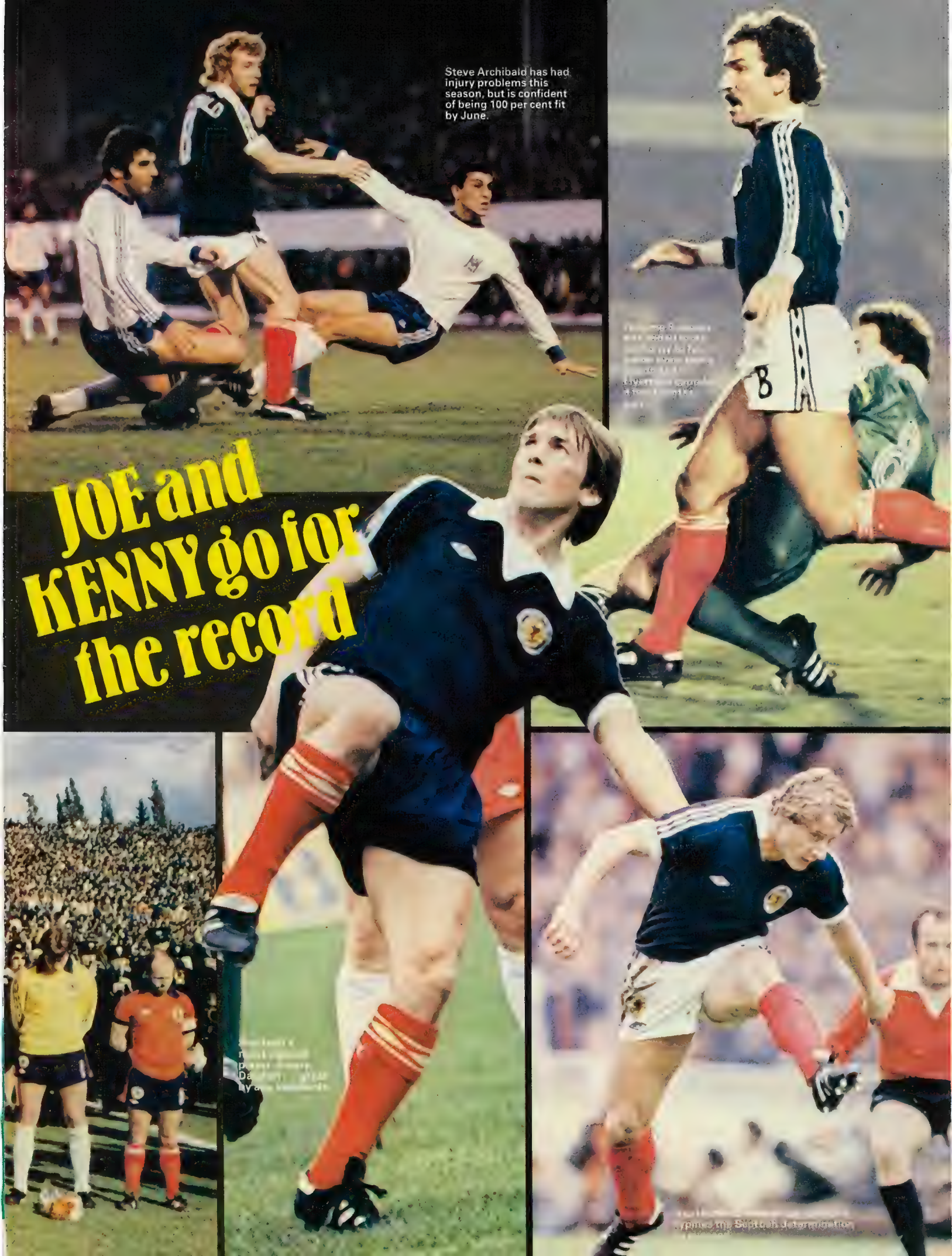
**Joe Jordan and Kenny Dalglish are set to become the Scots to have appeared in three World Cup Finals, being the only survivors from both the 1974 and 1978 competitions. But Scotland have many experienced stars—here are a few of them.**





Steve Archibald has had injury problems this season, but is confident of being 100 per cent fit by June.

# JOE and KENNY go for the record







# ROUGH JUSTICE!

## 'Scotland have one of the hardest tasks!'

**T**here was little doubt in Alan Rough's mind about the World Cup draw as he surveyed the groupings for Spain: "We have the hardest one of the lot," he remarked.

The Scotland goalkeeper, heading for his second World Cup Finals, was considering the section which he will be playing in this summer.

One which is headed by the tournament favourites, Brazil and also includes the much fancied Europeans, Russia, along with the weaker team, New Zealand.

Few of the Scotland players would disagree with the initial assessment from the Partick Thistle part timer, whose position as Scotland's number one goalkeeper is assured.

It is the toughest looking section of all, mainly because of the inclusion of the Russians.

And Rough expanded: "The thing is that you can never find out as much about the Russians as you can about other teams. You don't see them nearly as often as you do the other teams who are in the Finals.

### The unknown

"So, in a sense, you could be stepping into the unknown.

"Liverpool played against Dynamo Tbilisi a couple of years ago so Kenny Dalglish and Graeme Souness and Alan Hansen will be able to tell us something about the players they have in the national team.

"I believe they do have four or five players in the squad.

"And Raymond Stewart played for West Ham against them too last season. That will help.

"I suppose Mr Stein will be able to see them and pick up information from the Welsh team manager Mike England. All of that will be very important to us before Spain.

"The Brazilians have been building for these Finals for a long time and judging from how they played on their European tour last summer they are about ready to win it again.

"I last played against them four years ago in Rio and we lost

in the Maracana.

"Zico was breaking through then and being hailed as the 'new Pele'. I think he has probably been crowned that by this time.

"But they have a lot of good players—Socrates and Zico are probably the best.

"What is in our favour, is that we almost always play our best when we are up against things.

"This time we are the underdogs in the section. Make no mistake about that—no one is going to be tipping us to win anything here!

"That will benefit us. Look what happened the last time in Argentina."

Then Rough added: "Another thing is you won't find us underestimating New Zealand at all. That could be fatal.

"I think we have learned that from the previous World Cups we have played in.

"Possibly the New Zealanders will be the best of the last grouping for us to play against.

"Before the draw the boss, Jock Stein, had booked accommodation for the squad on the Algarve and that should get us nicely acclimatised for the heat.

"With our kick-offs being at night the temperatures won't bother us too much.

"We drew with Brazil in West Germany when we were supposed to have no chance... that might be an omen for us."



*The Soviet Union team many critics rate as dark horses for the World Cup.*





Law is foiled by the Zaire goalkeeper during the 1974 World Cup Finals.

## Denis Law believes Souness, Hartford, Strachan, Wark and Robertson could be World Cup aces

Denis does believe that the likely Scottish squad will be much stronger than that which reached the last two World Cup Finals, that they'll be better organised and more disciplined under the experienced guidance of Jock Stein.

"The most important part of any team nowadays is midfield and I honestly believe the Scots have some of the best midfield men in then world.

"Take Graeme Souness for example—there is no one better in the Football League at present—then there's young

maybe one or two more they'll be keen to erase all memories of that disastrous trip."

What is it about the Scots that seems to inspire almost suicidal tendencies when they get to a major event like the World Cup?

Law has no logical explanation although he does accept it seems that way.

"I was in Argentina and it was like a living nightmare from start to finish. The build-up was tremendous, too much so in fact, and I think some felt they only had to turn up to win.

"This time the pressure is off. Alan Hansen made the same point after the draw. He said that because everyone expected Iran and Peru to be beaten out of sight, there was never any question of Scotland not qualifying alongside Holland. Ironically the Dutch were the only team Scotland did beat.

### Favour

"This time no one really expects us to get through ahead of either Brazil or the USSR and that could count in our favour. I'm sure Jock Stein won't let anyone get over-confident, nor will he make the same mistakes as Ally MacLeod."

"He'll probably be better prepared and his knowledge of the opponents will doubtless be better. Iran were totally unknown, Peru not much different.

"At least we know plenty about the Brazilians and the Tbilisi players in the Soviet Union side. Even the New Zealand team contains a number of ex-English and Scottish players."

Are there any outsiders Denis sees getting into the squad?

"Not really. I think the 22 will be fairly predictable. The only thing I would say is that experience will count for a great deal and in the humid conditions people with good skill and control who can slow the game down—like Eddie Gray, who's having a marvellous season.

"Paul Sturrock is apparently the find of the season north of the border and although I haven't seen much of him he'd clearly be a popular choice."

And how does Denis see the Finals developing?

He rates Belgium as the dark horses ahead of Russia, but can't see anyone stopping a Brazilian samba in Spain.

# Scotland's Midfield Marvels

The first reaction to the World Cup draw from Scotland's most famous footballer was: "It couldn't have been worse."

Denis Law, who won 55 caps for Scotland and scored more goals for his country than anyone else, summed it up like this: "It must have been our punishment for the way we let ourselves down in Argentina.

"The draw was a complete farce. When we came out to play the opening match with Argentina I wasn't too worried—then they ordered a re-draw and we got Brazil! That has to be the sickest joke of the century.

"I have tipped Brazil to win the tournament, and I'm certainly not going to change my tune simply because they have to play my beloved Scotland.

"Then there's Russia, the team everyone seems to be tipping as the dark horses—and having seen Dynamo Tbilisi recently I can vouch for the fact that they won't be a pushover, that's for sure.

"Even the fact that we have to play New Zealand first could work against us.

"It's similar to the situation in 1974 in West Germany when we met Zaire in what turned out to be my last international.

"Like New Zealand they were an unknown quantity and goal difference turned out to be vital—and it counted against us because we only beat them 2-0.

"I would rather we played the Kiwis last knowing exactly how many goals we need to qualify for the next round."

Looking on the brighter side

Gordon Strachan who could make quite an impact in Spain, and Asa Hartford who seems to relish the extra responsibility of captaincy.

"I class John Robertson as a midfield player although he doubles up as a left winger, of course, and then there's John Wark who scores valuable goals from midfield.

"And it should be remembered that Souness, Hartford and Robertson were all in Argentina, their experience will account for a great deal and like Alan Rough, Joe Jordan, Kenny Dalglish and



GRAEME SOUNESS



ASA HARTFORD



GORDON STRACHAN



JOHN WARK



JOHN ROBERTSON



# 'IT'S US—



**Jock Stein concedes Brazil are certain to reach the Second Round—but hopes Scotland can block the Soviets**

**W**hen sense at last was made from that so muddled World Cup draw, Scotland manager Jock Stein might have been excused for thinking the fates had conspired against him and his team.

Scotland had qualified in more style than any of the three Home Countries who will be in Spain this summer.

And their reward was being grouped in Malaga and Seville with tournament favourites Brazil; the most fancied of the outsiders USSR and obligatory lesser soccer nation in New Zealand.

Yet Stein made no complaints. Instead he hurried off to the South of Spain and began to make his plans for this, the third successive Scots' assault on the game's number one trophy.

His attitude is simple—"If you want to achieve anything in any competition then you have to meet the best teams at some stage."

Then he adds: "I'm fortunate that I've seen the Brazilians twice recently. I saw them beat England at Wembley and then West Germany in Stuttgart so I have an idea of how they will play against us."

"Before the draw was made I thought that they would be favourites and they'd be MY favourites to take the trophy."

"The USSR we don't know so much about, nor will be it easy to

find out a great deal about them.

"I'm sure the Welsh people, including their manager Mike England, will be of some help and I'll see them myself."

"New Zealand will be unknowns as well, but the one thing which is a help to us is that most of the players are British-born."

"That would suggest they will play in a style similar to League football in this country."

"There won't be too many surprises from them whereas there could be from one of the others."

That is not to say that Stein will take the New Zealanders lightly. He has found out their itinerary so that he can take a close look at them before the World Cup kicks-off and he will try to do the same with all the teams in the so-difficult group.

## Build up

Brazil have a series of warm up matches scheduled in their own country as they complete the build up for the Finals.

It could be that Stein decided to fly to Rio to see them play the Germans at the end of March. That was a game where they might have to be full out against the side which most people agree is the finest in Europe.

The Soviet Union will have games, too, and Stein will attempt to watch them.

He saw half the squad play for Dynamo Kiev against Aston Villa in the European Cup Quarter-Final.



Oscar tackles Kenny Sansom during the England/Brazil game in 1981, which the South Americans won 1-0.



# OR RUSSIA'



The second-leg of that match at Villa Park gave Stein an idea of how former European Player of the Year, Oleg Blokhin and his international team-mates performed against a typically British side.

Then, Stein stresses: "Don't forget I'll be able to go to Seville to watch the opening game in the section.

"That's when Brazil will play USSR. It's not like Argentina when group games were played on the same night.

"Before we play our opener against New Zealand I'll see the other two in action. And that will be at a time when neither of them are able to hide anything.

"They will both be playing all out. It will be so close to our own match that we must be able to get a thorough up to date picture of the pair of them.

"I don't doubt that Brazil will go through to the next stage of the tournament. So when you accept that you realise we are fighting for the one remaining place from our group.

"If we can go into the last match we have, against the USSR, with the same chance as they have then it's all going to be down to that one match.

"Just those 90 minutes will decide whether or not we do better than we have ever done before. Remember this—we are always that wee bit better when people start to write us off.

"It's when we're made favourites to win anything that you start to worry. This is a challenge but it's not anything to

frighten us. . . ."

The Scots' preparations for their approach to Spain were already mapped out before the draw was made. They had five games lined up—against Spain in Valencia in February; Holland at Hampden in March; Northern Ireland in Belfast in April and then Wales and England at Hampden in May.

## Over-age players

There are also at least two Under-21 games where Stein may use over-age players who have a chance of making the final 22 for Spain. These are against Italy in the European Championship.

A few days after the clash with England on May 29th the squad will leave Glasgow for Portugal where Stein has booked accommodation for special training.

"We had booked that before the draw was made," he points out, "but it becomes even more important now.

"The heat there will be similar to what we will experience in Malaga and this will help get the lads used to it. We'll probably play a couple of bounce games against local teams before heading into Spain four or five days before the first match."

In Spain, Stein has been able to book a golf hotel on the coast. He has taken it over entirely and the players will have the exclusive run of the hotel and the swimming pool as well as being able to use the golf course.

"It's ideal for us," he stresses.



"We are there to prepare for important games and we wanted something which would be private and away from the supporters who will be down there. This could not be better."

So some of the plans are made. Others are in the process of

being made and Stein the most successful club manager Scotland has ever produced ponders the draw which stands between him and his burning ambition to take Scotland further in the Finals than they have ever been before.





A goal scored by Denis Law for Scotland against Argentina in 1978.

# DALGLISH'S LAST CHANCE

**D**anaiifar is a name that haunts Kenny Dalglish. Scotland's record holder for the most international appearances overtook Denis Law's total of 55 on June 7, 1978 against Iran in Cordoba, Argentina. But what should have been the proudest day of his life became a nightmare as Scotland's World Cup dream was shattered.

"Iran held us to a 1-1 draw," recalls Dalglish: "and it was Danaiifar who scored their goal. It was a bitter disappointment, and although we went on to beat eventual finalists Holland 3-2, it was not enough. We went out."

"It is history now that we failed to live up to our potential in 1978, but we were eliminated from the 1974 tournament in West Germany without losing a game... and one of the three we played was a 0-0 draw with Brazil!"

Scotland face Brazil and the USSR, neither of whom they've ever beaten, in a tough Group Six based at Malaga and Seville.

For Dalglish the 1982 World Cup means "third time lucky". The gifted Liverpool striker played in 1974 and 1978, but did not reach the heights of which he is

capable in either tournament.

At 30, this may be his last chance to prove that he is truly a world class player.

"I already held 18 caps when I played in my first World Cup game in the 1974 Finals. I know I played poorly, but I was not overawed. I can only assume that I simply was not good enough at the time."

"I felt sorry for Willie Ormond who showed confidence in me by playing me against Zaire, Brazil and Yugoslavia. I never once reached the standards he hoped for."

"Ally MacLeod led us out of Scotland in a blaze of glory in 1978. When it went wrong he took severe criticism. But we played below our best against

Peru and Iran.

"By the time we'd found our form in the Holland game it was too late. But that is history. We have qualified for three successive World Cups and that alone is a magnificent achievement for a country of Scotland's size."

"The last two times we have been knocked out on goal-difference, so maybe this time a little luck will run our way. We've learned some tough lessons about football at this level. June will tell if we've made the best of that education."

"I have learned a tremendous amount. I have faced some of the greatest players in the world and I believe that has helped me."

"The same goes for the rest of the Scotland players."



On the ball against Yugoslavia in West Germany in 1974.



Willie Miller... a commanding defender effective also in midfield.

## McLean

**D**undee United manager Jim McLean is quick to play down the importance of his role within the successful Scotland set-up.

The Tannadice boss, acknowledged as one of the leading coaches North of the border and with a record at club level to match, is Jock Stein's right hand man in much the same way that Don Howe assists England manager Ron Greenwood.

McLean was alongside Stein throughout the Scots' triumphant qualifying programme and it will be the same story in Spain.

But he stresses: "Jock is the man in charge and I play a supporting role."

"Jock makes all the decisions and does all the talking to the players."

"I help Hugh Allan and Donnie McKinnon with the training and we all have a good working relationship as a team."

"I'm only involved when the games come round, of course, and Jock usually bounces a few ideas off me. Things like team



# SIX OF THE BEST FROM ABERDEEN

**A**berdeen manager Alex Ferguson could almost be forgiven for introducing Spanish lessons into the Pittodrie training schedule.

No fewer than six players at the club are aiming for places in Scotland's World Cup squad bound for Spain. And if they're all successful The Dons seem certain to be the main suppliers of talent to Jock Stein's travelling party.

It used to be the case North of the Border that the Scotland squad comprised a selection of players from the Glasgow giants, Rangers and Celtic, together with a sprinkling of the top Anglos.

But current boss Stein has changed all that. Since he took over he has openly encouraged home-based Scots to challenge for international honours they might previously have thought were beyond them.

A classic example is left-winger Peter Weir, Scotland's record signing after his £330,000 transfer from St. Mirren to Aberdeen last summer.

Injury and a form lapse have kept Weir out of the international reckoning since he appeared in the friendly match in Hungary almost two years ago, but another contributory factor has been the form of John Robertson, the Scots' recognised winger.

But if Weir is still in the doubt-



*Flying winger Peter Weir.*

ful category, the same cannot be said of Aberdeen's central defensive partnership of Alex McLeish and Willie Miller who have also played together for Scotland.

Liverpool's Alan Hansen presents an obvious threat to The Dons' double act but McLeish, who has also represented his country in midfield, has established himself in the number five shirt and his club captain Miller seems sure to travel to Spain.

Full-back Stuart Kennedy is one of a handful of survivors from Scotland's ill-fated World Cup campaign of 1978 in Argenti-

na. He did have a spell on the international sidelines but has fought his way back into contention.

Injury to captain Danny McGrain meant a recall to the squad for Kennedy, a defender who loves to overlap. He has been six years at Pittodrie and will be 29 just before the Scots head for Spain.

Scotland's wealth of midfield talent includes Aberdeen's flame-haired Gordon Strachan, a player who has been on the wanted list of just about every top club for the past two years following his top-class display against England at Hampden in 1980.

Strachan, who cost a mere £80,000 from Dundee in 1977 but must now be rated in the £1,000,000 class, missed a large part of last season through injury but is now back to his best.

A trip to Spain would be a fitting reward for the player who put the Scots en route with the only goal of the first qualifying game in Sweden.

Completing the list of Pittodrie possibilities is goalkeeper Jim Leighton, third choice for the job behind the long-established Alan Rough and his deputy Billy Thomson after winning Under-21 honours.

But while Leighton joins colleagues Weir, McLeish, Miller, Kennedy and Strachan on Scotland's short list, it looks as if another Pittodrie star with high

hopes of travelling to Spain will have to content himself with the role of spectator.

Striker Mark McGhee was an ever-present for the Dons last season, he was their top league marksman with 13 goals and his fellow professionals named him their Player of the Year.

It seemed certain his big international chance was just around the corner but his form has slumped this season and the teenage partnership of John Hewitt and Eric Black has left him struggling to claim a regular place.

There's a queue of Scottish strikers waiting for the tickets to Spain to be handed out.

McGhee's chances are remote to say the least.



*No-nonsense centre-half Alex McLeish.*

## is Scotland's number one supporter

selection, tactics etc.

"It's important for a manager to have someone like that available.

"But I'm no yes-man. Jock knows perfectly well that I'm never going to agree with all his ideas and he accepts that I'll give an honest opinion on any aspect of the game.

"That's why I'm involved but in the end Jock has the last word."

McLean admits his Scotland connection has been beneficial at club level.

He says: "Mixing with international players has been an education in many ways.

"It has made me realise that they are not always perfect and also that my players at Dundee United are probably better than I give them credit for.

"It has given me more confidence in tackling my job at Tannadice and there is never any problem of my Scotland position getting in the way because we don't have club fixtures when international games are taking place.

"Actually, because we're enjoying some success at home

and in Europe we are one of the busiest clubs in Scotland.

"So when I'm away on international duty I give the players a couple of days off."

McLean takes his hat off to Jock Stein as a manager and says: "There aren't many countries, if any, who are going into the World Cup as well organised as Scotland, it's all down to Jock and his attention to detail."

McLean shares Stein's view that Scotland's main problem still lies in attack and he adds: "Our players have to learn to be a bit more patient. They're in too much of a hurry to get the ball into the box.

"It's a common fault with a lot of sides and we're trying to get them to be more positive and wait for good openings rather than hitting the ball into the box and hoping for the best."

The partnership of Stein and McLean has paid handsome dividends for Scotland so far and they are both looking forward to the challenge of Spain - Stein as the man in charge and McLean as his number one "supporter".



*A pat on the shoulder for Jock Stein from Jim McLean after Scotland had qualified for Spain.*



Captain Martin O'Neill typifies the Irish fighting spirit with his never-say-die leadership.



Simply reaching the World Cup finals put a smile on the Irish players' faces... and with little pressure on them Northern Ireland, who have a great record under Billy Bingham, may just pull off a surprise.

**IRISH  
ALREADY**

**EYES  
SMILING**

Winger Terry Cochrane can be a match-winner on his day.



FROM LEFT: Martin O'Neill, Gerry Armstrong, Pat Jennings, John O'Neill, Sammy Nelson, Billy Hamilton, Terry Cochrane, David McCreery, Jimmy Nicholl, Sammy McIlroy, Chris Nicholl.





Full-back Jimmy Nicholl is keeping the experienced Pat Rice out of the side.



Striker Billy Hamilton in action against Scotland... he may be a Third Division star with Burnley, but he's shown he can star against international defences.



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# STAYING POWER

## Sammy McIlroy talks about Britain's secret weapon

**B**ritain's World Cup trio—England, Scotland and Northern Ireland—have a secret weapon which could upset the rest of the 21 nations in Spain in June.

That's the opinion of Sammy McIlroy, whose vast international experience of over 50 caps for Northern Ireland will play an important part in the Ulstermen's bid to make nonsense of the bookmakers' predictions.

McIlroy, who left Manchester United for Stoke this year is still only 27. He has contributed enormously to Northern Ireland's achievement of qualifying from a group that included Portugal and Sweden.

And now, with the excitement of making it being replaced by the calmer, professional analysis of the draw for the Finals, McIlroy carries a quiet air of confidence into the coming months.

"Northern Ireland is in an enviable position," he said. "Because when compared with most of the other qualifiers, we have already achieved our glory."

"Actually getting to Spain with such a small squad is something to be proud of. And every member of Billy Bingham's squad is

most of the nations—staying power.

"This is the biggest, and potentially the most demanding and exhausting World Cup ever staged.

"Four weeks in a hot climate, facing the best in the world on strange grounds and in front of very mixed crowds. More risk of injuries and a great need for strength in depth.

"Of course the big nations have tremendous players at their disposal. But the British squads comprise players who face long, exhausting programmes every season.

"We play in all weathers, without an official break and are all quite accustomed to playing two or even three games in eight days in the most demanding League in the world.

### Concentration

"I believe that when the chips are down and the legs begin to ache, we have the players who can stay the course, maintain our concentration and our squad spirit."

McIlroy is philosophical about the draw. But he admits that Billy Bingham and the players were delighted to avoid Argentina, Brazil and West Germany.

"We know that we have to play the best if we are to achieve anything. There is no escaping the top nations if we progress beyond the first stage.

"Realistically, and with all due respect to Honduras, we like to think that it's a case of two from three—Spain, Yugoslavia and ourselves.

"Spain, as hosts, will have tremendous, passionate support. That counts!

"Yugoslavia are always a strong, disciplined side with a talented squad.

"It will be a tough task, but we have great team-spirit because most of us have been together in the Irish squad for some years and this is our big chance to make up for past disappointments.

"We go to Spain with none of the pressures that the English and Scottish players will feel.

"And for that reason we can settle down, look forward to playing and showing the world what we can do. I think we can surprise a few people."



*Manchester United v. Ipswich in strength-sapping conditions, which could help the Home teams in Spain.*

feeling that pride at the moment.

"Realistically, we have nothing to fear. Few people outside Ulster expect us to do more than give our best, contribute to the good football we all want to see the tournament produce and come home with our heads held high.

"But, like England and Scotland, we have something over





# Harry Gregg helped Northern Ireland to glory in 1958

and says now

## 'IRELAND CAN SHAKE THE WORLD'

**W**orld Cup darkhorses Northern Ireland could claim a few scalps on the Spanish mainland before they return home from the Finals this summer.

There are striking similarities between Billy Bingham's Northern Ireland team and the one that left the Emerald Isle to do battle in the 1958 World Cup Finals.

The Irish, led by Danny Blanchflower, became a surprise package at the Finals in Sweden 24 years ago—and they can shake the world again this summer.

That is the confident forecast of one of Northern Ireland's most respected post-War internationals, Harry Gregg, who performed heroics in goal for his country on 24 occasions.

The former Manchester United goalkeeper and survivor of the Munich air disaster believes Bingham's green devils pose a serious threat to the progress of Spain and Yugoslavia, who share Group Five with Northern Ireland and the unknowns from Honduras.

"Northern Ireland have great fighting qualities," stresses Gregg. "There is no more dangerous animal than an Irishman when he is written-off as a no-hoper."

"They did it with us in 1958 and we shook the world with our play. And the lads can do it again this summer. Who gave them a hope of qualifying anyway?"

### First Hurdle

If Northern Ireland can overcome the first hurdle Gregg believes a Second Round appearance will become a distinct possibility.

"The only difference between our team and the one going to Spain is that we had three world class players, Danny Blanchflower, Jimmy McIlroy and me, if I can be immodest."

"Of the current squad, only the goalkeeper Pat Jennings is truly world class. But that is not to deny they can surprise the Yugoslavs in the first game."

Gregg is confident the Irish can overturn Honduras four days later and if they have the bit between the teeth by then they could cause the shock of the opening stages by beating the highly fancied hosts, Spain, in Valencia on Friday, June 25.

"Their strengths are the fighting qualities inherent in Irishmen when the chips are down."

"Who would believe that Gerry Armstrong can rise to such great heights when he pulls on the green jersey? He spends most of his playing life kicking a ball in front of few hundred fans for Watford Reserves but goes out for his country as if he was born to grace the world stage."

"That's it! The Irish see it as a stage."

Martin O'Neill had a dreadful time at Manchester City. I despaired when I watched him before his return to Norwich. But



Harry Gregg (left) after the Northern Ireland-Czechoslovakia World Cup-tie in Sweden, 1958. . . . trainer Jerry Morgan congratulates Wilbur Cush.

something clicks when Martin captains his country. There will be no hesitancy about his play in Spain. Mark my words."

Harry Gregg, who won his caps when playing for Doncaster

Rovers and Manchester United between 1954 and 1964, illustrates his case by drawing a parallel between the 1982 Irish team and the one he belonged to which reached the Quarter-Finals

of the 1958 tournament.

"Wilbur Cush, who died a few months ago, was magnificent in Sweden, yet he played most of his domestic football in Ireland for Glenavon and Portadown. Only when he went to Leeds United in his mid-20's did anyone realise how good the lad was."

"He was masterful in Sweden," says Gregg whose beloved Northern Ireland beat Argentina 3-1, drew 2-2 with semi-finalists West Germany and beat the Czechs twice before going down to France having reached the last eight.

"Most of Billy Bingham's lads have been together for several years—and so had we in 1958," emphasises Gregg. "Ireland don't have a great catchment area of players. They have to make the most of what they've got."

"I don't doubt that Billy Bingham will be working on Gerry Armstrong, building him up to believe he is better than Maradona."

### Greatest

"Kidology was popular in 1958. Peter Doherty, the manager and greatest player I ever saw, would tell Peter McParland and the rest of them they were better than the Brazilians. He'd say it in ten minutes. Danny Blanchflower would take over for the next hour and a half to ram home the point."

"In the end we believed we were great."

"The big test will be Yugoslavia. They embrace skill and strength. They will come at Northern Ireland. None of this pretty, pretty across the pitch stuff with them as I saw when Hajduk Split thrashed Manchester United in Europe not that long ago."

Harry Gregg hopes to be in the Press box for a national newspaper for Northern Ireland's opening game against Yugoslavia.

"I must admit I'll be rather misty-eyed if they spring a surprise," confesses Gregg.



Harry Gregg (left) surprised a few opponents in Spain.



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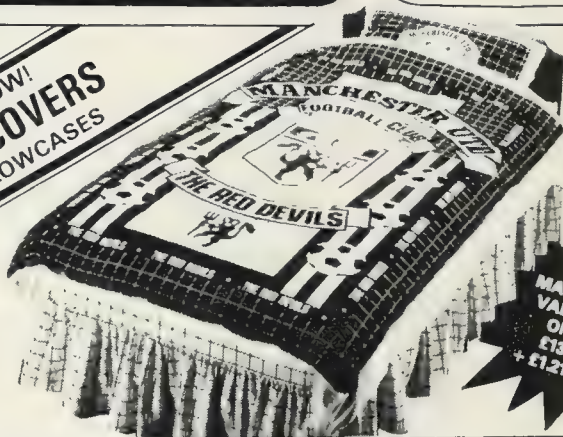
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**N**ot even an Irishman would joke about his country winning the World Cup.

The Scot refuses to consider anyone else capable of winning it; the Englishman quietly fantasises about Kevin Keegan holding the trophy aloft in Spain, but doesn't really mind as long as Scotland don't win it; and the Welshman no longer cares.

It's generally agreed that of the Home countries England drew the softest option, Scotland the most unwanted. But what of Northern Ireland?

Billy Bingham, whose record as manager bares comparison with any, accepted the challenge of toppling home favourites Spain, uncompromising Yugoslavia and the unknown enemy Honduras with cheerful grace.

"To start with we're relieved to be there. It's the first time we have qualified since 1958 and considering we are one of the smaller nations that's a feat in itself," he says.

Bingham, who played in every one of Northern Ireland's matches in the World Cup in Sweden 24 years ago, is proud of his team's record over the past couple of years since he took on the job vacated by Danny Blanchflower for the second time.

"We have lost only a few of our international matches since then and we have beaten some very good sides as well as winning the British Championship in 1980.

"Having said that we know it is going to be tough in Spain and we must start out as third favourites in our group.

"Spain are clear favourites, as



## 'Qualifying was a feat in itself'

good stead. The confidence has grown with a succession of good results."

And no doubt Bingham is aware that Spain would prefer the Irish to qualify for the next stages ahead of Yugoslavia who are potentially more dangerous.

"Currently we are enjoying our best run since the War and this is the best Irish team since the last time we were in the World Cup with players like Danny Blanchflower, Jimmy McIlroy, Harry Gregg, Peter McParland, Dick Keith and Alf McMichael.

"It may be an omen that when we qualified then we had just beaten England at Wembley and hit a run of success similar to this one.

"We had a fairly settled side and that's the way it is now. When I took over from Danny I introduced two or three new players and the fact we've been able to keep the same squad was reflected by the concession of only three goals in eight qualifying games.

"The players are well organised and we don't have any stars which means we have this lovely atmosphere whereby everybody plays for everybody.

"In a way Ron Greenwood has too many players to choose from - if you ask half a dozen managers to name their England side I guarantee they would all come up with a different team.

"They couldn't do that with us because we don't have as many good players but it works to our advantage."

"We did well in 1958 confounding the critics by getting through a tough group involving Argentina, West Germany and Czechoslovakia before losing to France, and we can do well again."

meet Honduras in Zaragoza and if we can beat them we could then have three points to Yugoslavia's one and the pressure will be on them.

"In the last series of games Spain might then be tempted to take it a little easier against us while Yugoslavia will have to go for goals against Honduras."

Bingham knows the first game with Yugoslavia is the most crucial. That's the one that will set the pattern and he's banking on opponents not affording Northern Ireland the respect they deserve.

"Our record might stand us in



Bingham celebrates after Northern Ireland's 1958 World Cup win over Czechoslovakia.



the host country, and it will be a major shock if they don't at least reach the Semi-Finals.

"I've been checking on Yugoslavia since the draw was made and I don't know if you realise it but they have got the best record in Europe over the last year. They have a 90 per cent win record which makes ours of just over 50 per cent look sick.

"There is no point in commenting on Honduras because quite honestly I know nothing about them."

The Northern Ireland manager has had this vision about the way things should work out.

"The way the fixtures came out could be quite helpful to us. Spain play Honduras first which is designed to get them off to a good start. We then meet Yugoslavia and if we can get a point from that match it will be to our benefit.

"Yugoslavia then play Spain who'll badly want to win to secure their place in the next round. The following day we



**D**espite qualifying as much by the failings of others as their own good form, England will still be expected to do the best of the three Home qualifiers.

Scotland go to Spain with two successive appearances behind them as the most experienced of the U.K. teams at World Cup level.

Northern Ireland are in the fortunate position of not really being expected to achieve anything!

"We're simply delighted to be there," says their evergreen goalkeeper Pat Jennings.

"Realistically, we'd be kidding ourselves if we thought we were going to win the World Cup. The nice thing for us is that there is no pressure on Ireland, unlike England and Scotland.

"We can go to Spain and do our best—if it doesn't come off there's no real harm done. We can say we had a good try."

For Jennings, appearing in the World Cup Finals is a fitting climax to a career that's spanned almost 20 years.

"I've been asked many times in the past how disappointed I was at not having played in the Finals. Now we've qualified it's a marvellous feeling."

The World Cup will be a welcome relief from the pressure-cooker atmosphere of domestic soccer.

"If I were honest I'd have to say I don't enjoy actually playing as

October 3rd, 1964 Northern Ireland v England  
young Pat Jennings watches as Danny Blanchflower  
clears the danger.



## 'TOO MUCH AT STAKE TO ENJOY PLAYING'

*says Pat Jennings*

much as I did a few years ago. There's so much at stake now... maybe too much.

"I still love training and being fit. But the 90 minutes when I'm actually playing is so tense.

"One mistake, especially early in a game, can ruin the match for you. This was highlighted when I made the error that cost Arsenal the game in the Third Round of the F.A. Cup against Spurs.

"Having said that, football is the only life I've known and I wouldn't change one minute of my career."

Jennings' career took off when he was transferred from Watford to Spurs as a promising 18-year-old.

"The first couple of years were a settling-in period for me. After that I never looked back. Once I had the reputation I did I could have played there for another five years.

"My pride was hurt when they asked me if I wanted to go. If you want someone to stay you don't ask them if they want to leave. The time was right for me to move on and that's been proved correct by the success I've had with Arsenal."

### Luxury

The Jennings family lives in a luxury house in Hertfordshire, although Pat's wife has never been to Arsenal to see her husband play. She will, however, be going to Spain.

"I couldn't miss that," says Eleanor. "It's the icing on the cake for Pat.

"To me, he's an ordinary fellow really. We've been married for 15 years and there's nothing special about our life-style.

"He's a quiet person by nature, but he's even quieter when Arsenal have lost. He'll come home and disappear into the lounge."

It's a standing joke in the Arsenal dressing-room that "hello" is a long conversation as far as Jennings is concerned. He prefers to let his football do the talking, and in that respect, even at 36, the Arsenal and Northern Ireland star has a lot of noise to make yet.





# Donaghy's Double

**M**ODEST Mal Donaghy is looking forward to meeting England in the Second Round of the World Cup Finals.

The talented and determined Luton Town defender reckons that it is highly likely that the two Home nations could clash after making it through their respective qualifying groups.

And he has no fears of the outcome of a game that could make 1982 the year of a marvellous double celebration for him personally.

The 24-year-old versatile defender or midfielder said: "If we can finish second in our group and England win theirs, then we should meet them in the Second Round in Madrid.

"And I think we might give them a bit of a game."

Success in Spain—and for Northern Ireland that means

going through to the Second Round—is what Mal is hoping will be the icing on the cake of a season that sends Luton back to the First Division.

He said: "It would be very nice, wouldn't it? I know everyone takes it for granted that we have got to go up, but we have got to go out yet and get the points and win games to make sure.

"I never thought before the season that we would be able to do it like this. It never occurred to me.

"I thought when we signed Brian Horton that he was a good captain and he would be the type to lead us.

"I knew we had a chance of promotion, but I never really thought about the World Cup as well.

"In fact it still hasn't really sunk in about the World Cup Finals.



I've been to Spain before though, three times with the club and twice on my own so I know what to expect.

"It's certainly something to look forward to. If we can get a good result against Yugoslavia then we have a fair chance.

"I think we shall have to wait and see how Honduras do against Spain before we know any more.

"It will certainly be nice to play in front of a big crowd against Spain in Valencia. There aren't that many big crowds in the Second Division!

"I played before 75,000 for Northern Ireland against Portugal in Lisbon when we were beaten 1-0 and that was marvellous.

"I hope we can get through to the Second Round. Anything more would be a bonus. My tips are Brazil, West Germany and I also fancy the USSR."

## Play anywhere

Now a fixture in the Luton and Northern Ireland back-fours, Mal can play equally well at full-back or centre-back, but said: "I like centre-back the best, although I'll play anywhere for Ireland just to get a game.

"It's the spirit. There's no equivalent. It is almost indescribable. I can't explain it. It's even tighter knit than Luton and the spirit at the club is fantastic.

"We think we can do all right in the First Division with the players we've got. I don't think we've anything to fear. We held our own with Ipswich for an hour and they can really play a bit, can't they?

"And Ireland don't really have anything to fear, either. I think Noel Brotherston is underrated and could surprise people. I hope we all can!"



**G**ERRY ARMSTRONG was only four years old the last time Northern Ireland qualified for the World Cup Finals, in 1958. But he believes that distant tournament will be further removed from memory by the success of the current Northern Ireland team in Spain this summer.

"I don't remember it well, but Ireland reached the Quarter Fin-

als that time.

"I'm sure that if we can beat Yugoslavia then we can do just as well again. I'm really looking forward to it."

With the enthusiasm of a youngster on his debut, Gerry is enjoying his football again this season.

Though he had a difficult time in establishing himself in the Watford first team, he now has

# Armstrong leads the space invaders

both promotion and a World Cup campaign to fight for.

"Playing for Northern Ireland really suits me. The team spirit is special.

"We have players from all over the place, but everyone gives 110 per cent. We all rely on each other.

"I think because of our style we could cause a few problems with our hustle and bustle approach.

## Damage

"Billy Hamilton and I can do some damage in the middle of the defences. It will be interesting to see how the European and South American sides will cope.

"Noel Brotherston on the right-wing, he can turn a game. Our defence is strong. It's got a very good record.

"If we can put away our chances we could do well. Our object was to qualify, but now we are there we will go as far as we can. We'll go flat out.

"In fact that is what suits me well for Northern Ireland. It's my style. We are well-matched,

me and Northern Ireland."

Born in Belfast, and one of a family of nine, Gerry was lured to Tottenham by then-manager Terry Neill from Bangor, one of Neill's former clubs.

He made 84 League appearances, including 19 as substitute and scored ten goals at White Hart Lane.

He picked up his first 27 international caps, too, at Spurs.

But when the chance to join Watford for £250,000 came along, Gerry jumped at it. Watford manager Graham Taylor had tried to sign him for Lincoln five years earlier.

Gerry said: "I wanted first team football and I was very impressed with the manager. We share the same views.

"I believe a team should play hard, attacking football. So does he. And I'm very happy with the way things have gone."

Now 28, Gerry faces the toughest most-demanding spell of his chequered career.

And he hopes his buccaneering attacking all-action style will help Watford up to the First Division and send Northern Ireland to glory in Spain.



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Three thousand seven hundred and fifty will be Press reporters; 750 photographers and the other 3,000 will be radio and TV commentators and technicians.

## Ceiling

And even this was the ceiling figure imposed by FIFA after over 12,000 applications for media accreditation had been received.

As usual, it's the Brazilians who'll arrive in greatest force, with a Press, radio and TV contingent of 800 persons. And talking about TV the Spaniards have had to splash out more than £60m on new equipment to get the world-wide show on the road.

For the first time ever, Spain's hotels will be putting up the "completo" signs during the month of June—and they'll also be putting up their prices.

The 200,000 visitors are expected to pour £1,000,000 a day into the hoteliers' bank accounts, and bars and restaurants in the 14 venues are taking on extra staff to cope with the World Cup

boom.

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There'll also be over 2,500 World Cup hostesses dishing out

information, publicity material, soft drinks and cigarettes, even though an intensive anti-smoking campaign is being mounted using the non-smoking Scotland squad as main publicity.

The inaugural match in Barcelona's Nou Camp stadium between World Champions Argentina and European Championship runners-up Belgium is set to break all records for World Cup gate receipts with a staggering £1.5m haul—way above the whole annual turnover figures for most British clubs.

## Spectacular

By the way, the basic instructions for the inaugural ceremony run to over 150 pages and the 55-minute spectacular will involve over 4,500 people; 10,000 balloons; 5,000 doves; and 1,000,000 flowers.

Ironically, the only records NOT likely to be beaten by Super España 82 are football records.

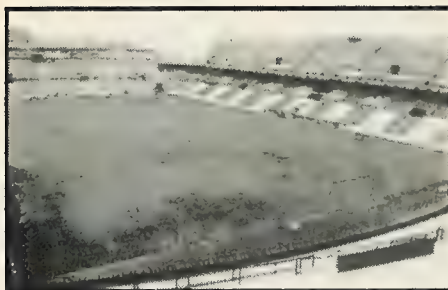
The attendance record of 200,000 in Brazil's Maracana Stadium in 1950 is safe. Sadly, it's hard to see anyone beating Just Fontaine's scoring record of 13 goals in Sweden in 1958.

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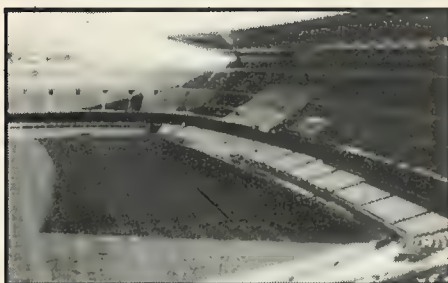






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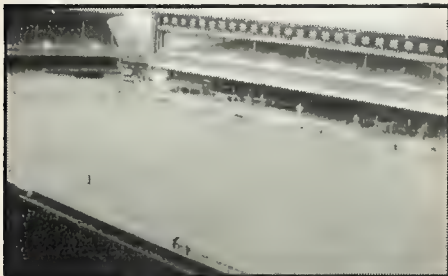
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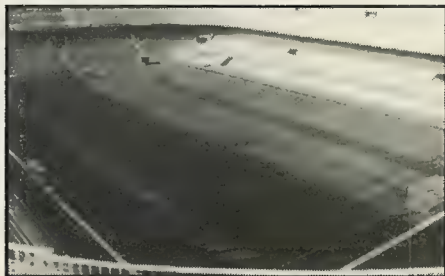
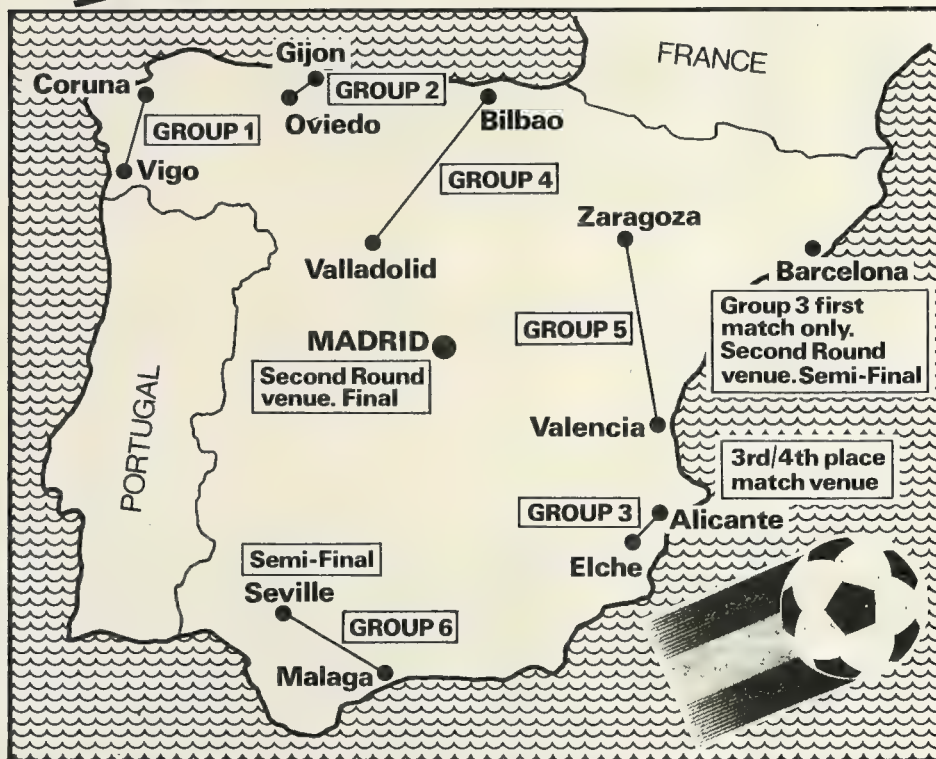


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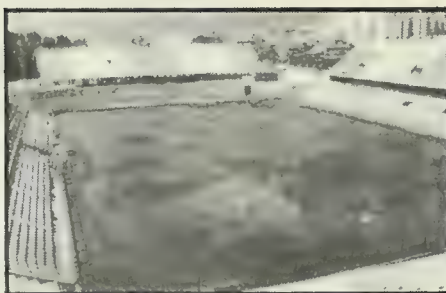
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**VALENCIA**  
'Luis Casanova'

Home of Valencia FC, built in 1923, capacity is 52,000 (35,000 seats, 17,000 standing). First Round ties: Spain v Honduras, Spain v Yugoslavia, Spain v N. Ireland.



**LA CORUÑA**  
'Riazor'

Home of Coruña, built in 1945, capacity is 38,246 (18,246 seats, 20,000 standing). First Round ties: Peru v Cameroon, Poland v Cameroon, Peru v Poland.



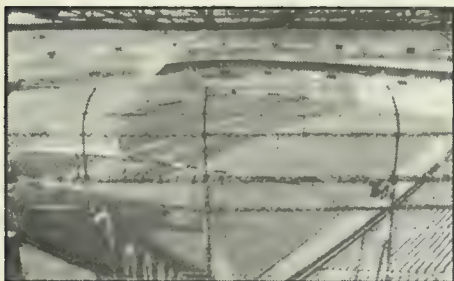
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'Carlos Tartiere'

Home of Real Oviedo, built in 1932, capacity is 28,241 (7,500 seats, 20,741 standing). First Round ties: Chile v Austria, Algeria v Austria, Algeria v Chile.



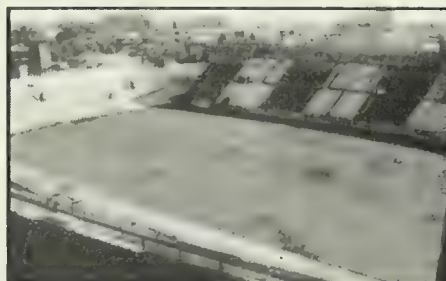
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'El Prado'

Home of Real Valladolid, built in 1981, capacity is 32,000 (23,500 seats, 8,500 standing). First Round ties: Czechoslovakia v Kuwait, France v Kuwait, France v Czechoslovakia.



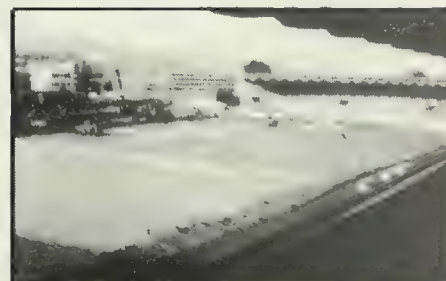
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'Santiago Bernabeu'

Home of Real Madrid, built in 1947, capacity is 90,800 (35,800 seats, 55,000 standing). No First Round ties. Second Round ties and Final.



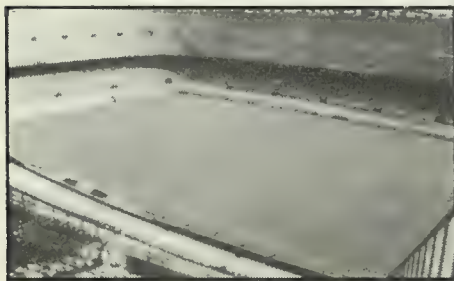
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'Benito Villamarin'

Home of Real Betis Balompie, built in 1929, capacity is 51,968 (21,986 seats, 29,982 standing). First Round ties: Brazil v Scotland, Brazil v New Zealand.



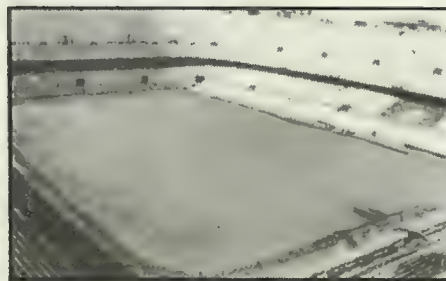
**VIGO**  
'Balaidos'

Home of Celta, built in 1928, capacity is 46,790 (28,000 seats, 18,790 standing). First Round ties: Italy v Poland, Italy v Peru, Italy v Cameroon.



**MADRID**  
'Vicente Calderon'

Home of Atletico Madrid, built in 1966, capacity is 70,000 all seated. No First Round ties. Second Round ties.



**SEVILLE**  
'Sanchez Pizjuan'

Home of Sevilla FC, built in 1957, capacity is 70,410 (20,410 seats, 50,000 standing). First Round ties: Brazil v USSR. One Semi-Final.



**ZARAGOZA**  
'La Romareda'

Home of Real Zaragoza, built in 1958, capacity is 43,909 (27,309 seats, 16,000 standing). First Round ties: Yugoslavia v N. Ireland, Honduras v N. Ireland, Honduras v Yugoslavia.



**A**fter Spain, the World Cup moves to Colombia in 1986. There have been rumours that Colombia won't host the competition due to a number of reasons, mainly financial, and Brazil have made it clear they're willing to step in and "help". Right now, though, the venue is still Colombia, although there won't necessarily be 24 Finalists again. The number has to be agreed between FIFA and the hosts and it's possible Colombia may want to revert to 16.



**B**razil hold many World Cup records, the most notable being the only team to have won the trophy three times: 1958, 1962 and 1970. They have 33 wins, 10 draws and nine defeats in 11 participations and their sequence of 13 games undefeated in 1958 and 1962, plus the win over Bulgaria in their opening game of 1966, is the longest unbeaten run in the Finals. The record attendance at a World Cup Final is 200,000 when Brazil lost to Uruguay in Rio's Maracana in the 1950 decider. Above we see Garincha taking on England's Ray Wilson in the 1962 Finals.

**C**ubillas of Peru scored the 20th hat-trick of the 11 World Cup Finals series v Iran in Argentina, 1978. The first hat-trick was by Stabile of Argentina v Mexico in the 1930 Finals—all his three were penalties.

**D**ebbie Harry will be in the World Cup Finals! Well . . . not quite, but someone called Blondie certainly will be there. The Honduras coach is Jose de la Paz Herrera, but to everyone in the Central American country he's known simply as Chelato (below), which means blondie!



**E**urope is just ahead of Latin America in the confrontation for world supremacy. Figures of European countries playing against those from Latin America in the Finals are:

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Europe	118	50	22	46	206	185	122
L.A.	118	46	22	50	185	206	114

**F**irst goal in the World Cup Final usually means defeat for the team which takes the lead. In all but three of the 11 Finals the side which scored first has ended up losing. The three exceptions are Italy (1938), Brazil (1970) and Argentina (1978).

**G**oal-less draw . . . that's how the opening game in the Finals between Argentina and Belgium will finish if history is anything to go by. The last four opening matches have been 0-0 affairs: England v Uruguay (1966), Mexico v USSR (1970), Brazil v Yugoslavia (1974) and Poland v West Germany (1978 below).



**H**ighest scorer in a World Cup Finals is Just Fontaine of France, with 13 goals in Sweden, 1958. Geoff Hurst of England is the only player to score a hat-trick in a World Cup Final (v West Germany in 1966). The best World Cup Finals for goals was the 1954 series held in Switzerland, when the 26 ties produced 140 goals, an average of 5.3 per game.

**I**f there is a colour clash in the Finals, one of the teams must change its strip and this is determined by the drawing of lots.

**J**ules Rimet is the man who started the World Cup. A Frenchman, Rimet was president of the French Football Federation for 30 years and president of FIFA, soccer's ruling body, from 1920 to 1954. Rimet, and fellow countryman Henri Delaunay, decided football was too big to be kept within the confines of the Olympic Games on a world basis. In 1928 the World Cup was "born" and two years later Uruguay hosted the first Finals. Up until 1974 the World Cup was named after Rimet, but the official name now is "The FIFA World Cup".

# A-Z OF THE WORLD CUP

**K**orean forward Pak Doo Ik was responsible for one of the two major sensations of the World Cup Finals. The North Korean star scored in the 42nd minute of the game against mighty Italy in the 1966 Finals played in England and that goal proved to be the winner. In 1950, the USA beat England 1-0 with a goal scored by Larry Gaetjens. K is also for England's Group Four opponents, Kuwait, the smallest nation ever to qualify for the World Cup Finals.

**L**ast of the 24 World Cup qualifiers was New Zealand, who beat China in a January play-off in Singapore after they finished equal on points and goal-difference in their qualifying group. Even though the Kiwis had scored the more goals, that didn't count. The rules are that if two (or more) teams finish equal in points and goal-difference after having played all their games a further match(es) shall be played in a neutral country.

**M**exico goalkeeper Antonio Carbajal has appeared in more World Cup Finals than any other player—five. He played in the 1950, 1954, 1958, 1962 and 1966 competitions.

**N**o player has ever scored five goals in a World Cup Finals tie. Eight players have managed four goals: Wetterstroem (Sweden) v Cuba in 1938; Leonidas da Silva (Brazil) v Poland in 1938; Willimowski (Poland) v Brazil in 1938; Ademir (Brazil) v Sweden in 1950; Schiaffino (Uruguay) v Bolivia in 1950; Kocsis (Hungary) v West Germany in 1954; Fontaine (France) v West Germany in 1958; Eusebio (Portugal) v North Korea in 1966. When Willimowski and Leonidas da Silva were writing their names in the record books during the 1938 clash, their goal-exploits in the Poland/Brazil game ensured an incredible scoreline of 6-5, Brazil winning after extra-time.

**O**lle Nyberg of Sweden holds the record for the fastest goal in the Finals. He netted after just 35 seconds against Hungary in the 1938 tournament. France's Bernard Lacombe almost beat the record against Italy in 1978, scoring after 38 seconds (below) in Mar del Plata, Argentina. It was a superb goal, but ironically worked against the French. It made normally cautious Italy come out of their shell and sparked some of Italy's best football for years. They beat the French 2-1.





**P**hotographs (four) of each player in the preliminary squad of 40 must reach FIFA 35 days before the start of the Finals. Normally, the deadline for the 40 players is 45 days before the first game, but for 1982 FIFA reduced this by 10 days, so the deadline is 9th May. Eight days before the first game each of the 24 competing countries must send FIFA a list of 22 from the original 40; only these 22 may play in the Finals, except in certain cases (i.e. death) when a late replacement may be brought in.

**Q**atar could be the sensations of the 1986 tournament. The reached the Final of the 1981 World Youth tournament in Australia, beating Brazil and England before going down to West Germany in the Final. Like Kuwait, the Middle East's representatives in Spain, they're coached by a Brazilian staff and have made tremendous strides since joining FIFA 12 years ago.

**R**ed cards were officially introduced by FIFA at the Olympic Games in Mexico in 1968 and made their debut (along with their "yellow brothers") in the World Cup Finals in the same country two years later. It may not be used in all domestic tournaments, but the card system seems here to stay in the international arena. FIFA believe the cards help to overcome the language barrier.

**S**hould the World Cup Final end in a draw after extra-time, a replay will be held. If after the replay and extra-time the result is still a draw the winners will be decided by the taking of penalty-kicks.



**T**wo men have been in charge of two different teams in the World Cup Finals. The Yugoslav Blagoje Vidinic (above) inspired Morocco to some fine displays in the 1970 Finals, but had less luck with Zaire in 1974. Meanwhile, Rudolf Vytlačil guided his native Czechoslovakia to the 1962 Final, which they lost to Brazil, before taking Bulgaria to the 1966 Finals in England.



**U**ruguayan Jose Santamaria (below), Spain's national coach, is one of four men to have appeared in the World Cup Finals for two different countries. He played for Uruguay in the 1954 series and Spain in 1962. Other examples are Luisito Monti (Argentina in 1930 and Italy in 1934), Ferenc Puskas (Hungary in 1954 and Spain in 1962) and Jose Altafini, who appeared for Spain in 1962 four years after appearing in the Brazilian World Cup side under the name of "Mazzola".



**V**ittorio Pozzo is the only man to have led a country to victory twice in the World Cup Finals. Signor Pozzo was in charge of Italy's triumphant teams in 1934 and 1938, when they beat Czechoslovakia and Hungary respectively in the Finals. Over to you, Cesar Menotti!

**W**ithout doubt, the greatest player ever seen in the World Cup Finals was Pele (above). He burst on to the scene as an unknown in 1958 and picked up a winners medal as Brazil beat Sweden. An injury in Brazil's opening game in 1962 robbed him of another World Cup winners medal, but his second came in glorious style in 1970 when arguably the best team ever to win the World Cup triumphed over Italy. He scored more than 1,000 first class goals in 1,362 games; scored 97 goals for Brazil in 93 outings and finished his playing career in North America with the Cosmos in 1977. Of all the unforgettable moments Pele left us, perhaps the one that stands out was against Czechoslovakia in 1970, when Czech 'keeper Viktor kicked the ball up-field and Pele, spotting Viktor off his line, kicked the ball straight back, from the half-way line... and was inches away from scoring a brilliant goal.



**X**this letter usually means a draw, but there hasn't been one in a World Cup Final yet. There was extra-time in 1934 (Italy 2, Czechoslovakia 1), 1966 (England 4, West Germany 2) and 1978 (Argentina 3, Holland 1, above).

**Y**ugoslavia and Hungary hold the record for the biggest World Cup Finals wins—9-0. Yugoslavia thrashed Zaire by that score in 1974, while Hungary went "one over the eight" against South Korea in 1954. The highest aggregate score in the Finals is Austria 7, Switzerland 5 in 1954. It was also in 1954 that Hungary set the record for the highest number of goals scored by one country in the Finals—27.



**Z**off... Dino Zoff, will be the oldest player in Spain, aged 40 years and four months. It's also unusual for a goalkeeper to captain his team, but the Juventus star (above) leads his country as Italy always choose the player with the most caps and Zoff is nearing 100. There have been two instances in the World Cup Finals of teams being captained by their goalkeepers. In Argentina, when Brazil played Italy, Zoff and his opposite number Emmerman Leao were the skippers, while in the 1934 World Cup Final the captains were two 'keepers Combi (Italy) and Planicka (Czechoslovakia).





# No all-out attack from Spain

**JOSÉ Emilio "Pepe" Santamaría** is a shy, moon-faced man, born in Uruguay 52 years ago. He took charge of Spain's national team in July, 1980, after Ladislao Kubala's departure, and now faces the task of following in the footsteps of England, West Germany and Argentina by leading the host nation to World Cup triumph.

**"In the last two years the pressure has been hard to withstand," admits the ex-Real Madrid defender (right).**

"Everybody has their own ideas about who should and shouldn't be in the team, and neither the public nor the Press has shown much patience if results have gone against us in our preparation games.

"Being the host nation has its advantages and disadvantages. Obviously we have a lot of support from our own fans, and we are playing in familiar conditions.

"But playing in your own backyard can create enormous pressures on the players. In this respect, our opening game against Honduras is very important for Spain.

"If we win, then everybody will relax. If the result goes against us, on the other hand, the ten-

well and then be disappointed.

"My big problem will be to get my players to forget all the pressure and the responsibility and simply to relax and play their best football.

"I've been keeping my squad list a secret right up to the last minute, because I've been working with around 40 players, and I haven't wanted to ruin anyone's hopes by excluding him from the list.

"It's no secret that we have some very talented individuals in Spanish football, but my job has been to try to build a balanced team with a good blend of 'artists and athletes.'

"We've also been making detailed observations of all the other Finalists, and our tactical approach to each game will vary.

"For the last two years I've refused to make any predictions.

"Obviously Brazil, Argentina and West Germany are among the favourites, but I have a feeling that we could see a surprise or two.

"As for Spain, I can't make any promises. I'll be happy if we can really play to the best of our ability, and then see how far we can go in the competition.

"As for myself, I've been criticised by the Press, of course. Quite harshly sometimes, and on occasions I've been disappointed.

"But whatever our results in the Finals, I think I would like to stay on in my job, and prepare my youngsters for the 1984 European Championship and the 1986 World Cup."

**LEFT... Bryan Robson pressurises Spain midfielder Jesus Zamora during the World Cup hosts' 1981 victory at Wembley.**







Zico falls to the ground as he scores for Brazil against England at Wembley in May, 1981.

# 'England the hardest team in the world to beat'

## SAYS BRAZIL ACE ZICO

**I**n 1981 Brazil toured Europe and returned with the impressive scalps of England, France and West Germany. Flamengo, inspired by the brilliant Zico, played a type of football that was simply too good for Liverpool in the World Club Championship in Tokyo.

It must, then, be one of the understatements of 1982 when the Brazilian goal-ace says: "I think Brazil will do well in Spain."

He continued: "The team has now obtained a very good understanding of each others play and contrary to our past teams, there are no great stars to mould the pattern around."

"Today, we all work for each other, the necessities of the individual being secondary to the overall team pattern."

### Luck

"In a World Cup, there are many factors that do not depend solely on the team, for instance, playing every three or four days, travelling, keeping clear of injuries, refereeing decisions and above all, luck."

"I am a great believer in luck playing a part in the World Cup and I am certain that the best team in the world would not win a World Cup without luck."

"When it's said that the qualities of the individual must fit into the team pattern, I hope this does not mean that we will not be seeing the brilliance of the instinctive individual play, which was always such a part of Brazilian football."

"In no way is individual talent stifled by manager Telé Santana's plans. Quite the contrary, everyone is encouraged to express himself and to play his own football. But all this in the con-

text of the main strategy.

"We are one of the very few countries where almost any player in the team can decide a game in a moment of pure, unexpected individual skill."

"No, what I mean is, that instead of, for example, a player showing off his individual skills by beating an opponent two or three times, he now seeks to pass to a colleague quickly."

"You will probably have noticed that in midfield we are now much quicker in playing the ball forward than we used to be."

"We used to dally a lot when there was space and time available, but not now."

"Telé says midfield is the powerhouse of the team and consequently it must act quickly to avoid opponents from organising their defence."

"This is exactly what we did when Flamengo played Liverpool in the World Club Final, our first and third goals came from balls played quickly from midfield."

"West Germany must be the favourites. As for the rest I rate Spain, who have built a very useful team, USSR, who have been very impressive of late and England."

"I have always admired the qualities of English football, they are, perhaps, the most difficult team in the world to beat and I feel they will do well if they can integrate some of their younger stars into the team."

"Also you cannot ignore some of the new nations, such as

Kuwait, who could be very dangerous."

Who are the young stars who could shine?

"Most of the players I will mention I have only seen on television, but I was most impressed by Hoddle, Regis, Shaw and Barnes of Watford who I thought was brilliant, a typical Brazilian player!"

Will it be a poor World Cup because of the increase of the number of teams?

"No, have you considered that many of the 'big name' countries have played poorly in the qualifying games?"

"It does not follow that the

newly qualified nations will bring down the quality of the tournament."

"After all, look at Tunisia and Iran in 1978, they did very well and I would not be at all surprised at this happening again."

"We must allow the development of world football, otherwise, we might just as well pick only five or six nations to play in the tournament."

Will Zico play abroad when his contract with Flamengo ends?

"Who knows? I would prefer to remain with Flamengo."

"I can tell you this, it would take a really fabulous offer to tempt me. I am happy at Flamengo and in Rio and I am grateful to my club for all the help they have given me."



The Brazilian star has been impressed by West Brom's black striker Cyrille Regis.



DURING 1981 Brazil beat the cream of Europe, plus World Champions Argentina . . . and the bad news for the other 23 World Cup Finalists is that the three-times winners of the competition reckon they're even better now.

# THE BEST

Probably the most complete full-back in the world—Junior, who played for Flamengo against Liverpool.

## -AND GETTING BETTER!

Centre-forward Reinaldo has had all his cartilages removed, but has fought back bravely to reclaim his number nine shirt.

A great all-round midfielder player, Toninho Cerezo was outstanding in the 1978 Finals.

A commanding and skilful central defender—Luisinho.

The speed of Paulo Isidoro will cause opposing defenders a few anxious moments.





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# MENOTTI FEARS A SOCCER WAR

**"First of all, I want to stress that we're coming to Spain to play football," says Argentina's 43-year-old manager Cesar Luis Menotti.**

"Football is an attractive game, and I always insist that my players do their best to provide a real spectacle for the fans.

"I don't like to see football played as if it were war—which seems to be the philosophy in a lot of countries now.

"I'm genuinely afraid that in Spain the ball-players will be kicked off the park, and I believe that FIFA should try to do something urgently about this problem, for the good of the game.

"Ever since we won the World Cup in 1978, people have suggested that we only won it because we were playing at home.

"I have never agreed, and I believe that on our European tours in the last four years we have proved to the fans that we are at the top of the tree.

"Now people are predicting that a European team will win in Spain, but it's my burning ambition to confirm our status as World Champions by winning our second title the hard way—in Europe and against teams who'll be doing everything in their power and maybe more just to try and beat the World Champions.

"It's not going to be easy by any means, but I believe I've more quality in my squad now than we had in 1978, even if we have to play without Diego Maradona through injury or for some other reason.

"Obviously Maradona is an important force in Argentine football, and this is his big chance to prove his point on a world stage and against some of the toughest defenders in the game.

"Other squad members will

also have their chance—Ramon Diaz, for example, can prove that he's our ace of spades. At the moment he's only the seven.

"People don't realise what a terrible strain the World Cup represents for a manager.

"In every country there are millions of fans who have 'their team', and the media mount campaigns for this man and that.

"I spend a lot of sleepless nights trying to work out exactly who I need not only on the pitch but also on the subs' bench for every conceivable situation.

"I imagine we're beating Eng-

land 2-0 and they're pouring high crosses into our box. I need to have Trossero on the bench, and send him on to join Passarella in the centre of the defence because he's a good header of the ball.

"I imagine we're beating Belgium 1-0 and they're pressurising us. What do I do?

"I imagine Italy are beating us 1-0 and one of my strikers gets injured. Who do I need on the bench to send on?

"Believe me, there is nothing worse for a manager than wanting to make a tactical variation during the game and not having the right men on the bench to do it.

"I've had nightmares about picking the squad, and I lose a lot of sleep picking my men for each match.

"In spite of the huge number of teams, I don't think there are any greater number of *quality* teams in the competition, and it looks to me as though West Germany, Spain, Argentina and Brazil will be the four Semi-Finalists.

"After that, anything could happen. I believe we have the

quality, the experience and the character to win it.

"I know people have criticised our performances in preparation games, but it was exactly the same story in 1977.

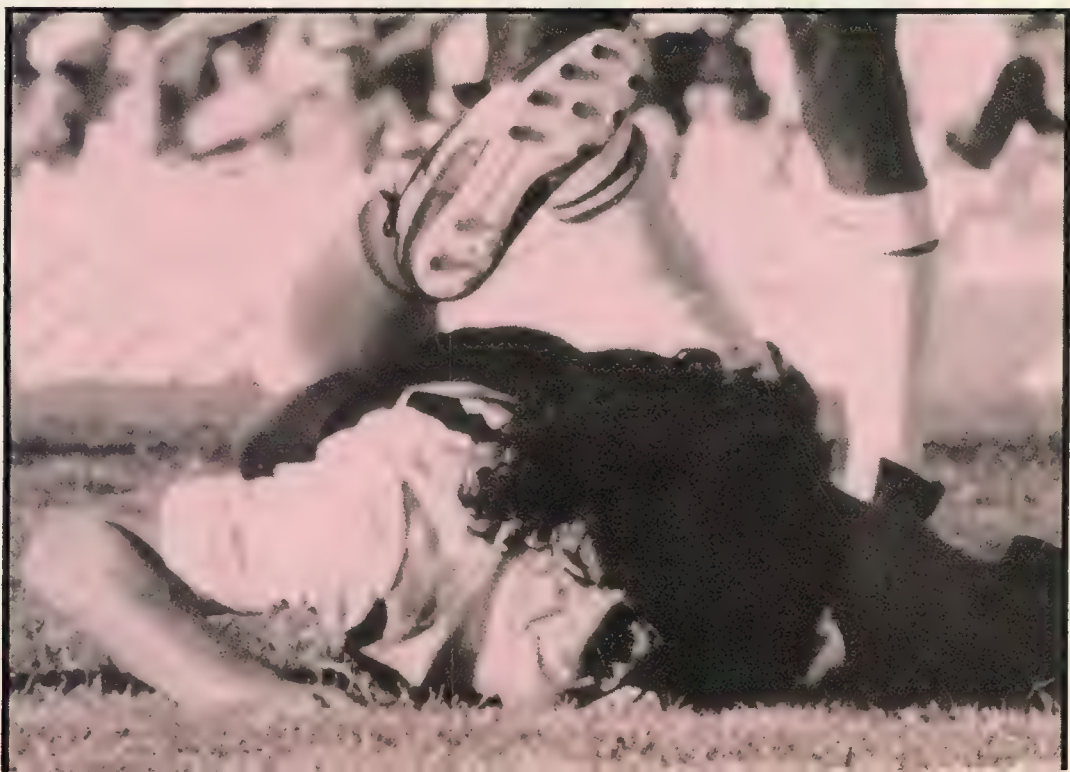
"We surprised a lot of people in 1978, and we can do it again. We have unrivalled ball skills, and we've been preparing our team since February.

"We're one of the major powers in world football, and I believe in Napoleon's saying 'show the enemy what he fears most'. I think other teams will fear Argentina. . . .

"I don't know what will happen if we don't win. I haven't stopped to think about it.

"I think Menotti has given his country everything he's got during the last seven years, and I promise you it's been a terrible strain.

"I'll say my 'adios' to the manager's job after the World Cup whatever happens, and there'd be no better way to bow out than by winning the title again."



Argentina ace Diego Maradona winces after a hefty tackle.



# BECKENBAUER'S SHADOW HAUNTS STIELIKE

**W**hile the West German soccer scene has buzzed with excitement at the strong hints by Franz Beckenbauer that he'd like to bow out of international football by playing in the World Cup Finals this summer, barely a thought has been given to Real Madrid's Uli Stielike—the man likely to be kicked out to make room at the back for Kaiser Franz.

Stielike has played superbly at sweeper for West Germany in recent games, including the 1980 European Championship campaign.

What's more, he's been voted Footballer of the Year again in Spain, adding one more to the stack of silverware he's picked up since joining Real Madrid in 1977.

What a tragedy if the 27-year-old is deprived of a World Cup place.

At first, a shrug of the shoulders was his only response.

"I don't really want to talk about this. What can I say? If I tell you I'm angry or disappointed, you'll print a headline saying 'Stielike Angered by Franz's return' or something like that—and I just don't want to start any sort of controversy."

"It's a question that Herr Derwall must answer. It's not my job to select the World Cup side, nor is it Beckenbauer's job."

"You know, if it were a different player, there wouldn't be any problem at all. After all, he turned his back on the national team, and now he wants to come back."

"The problem is that Beckenbauer is one of the great names in German football. . . ."

"Yes, I feel I've been playing quite well for the national team recently—but I must stress again that I'm not the best person to be a judge of that."

"Look, I'm sorry, I really don't want to talk about this. I'm sure you're going to publish something that will make out there's a 'war' between Stielike and Beckenbauer."

"And that just isn't true. Beckenbauer is one of the best sweepers the world has ever seen, I'm sure of that."

Uli moves away, with a grimace that says: "What can I do about it?"

But it's not too difficult to read the concern behind the brown eyes.

At 27, Stielike is looking forward to his first ever appearance

in the World Cup Finals, and his form certainly justifies his inclusion.

He's well aware that Jupp Derwall has more opportunities to see Beckenbauer in action with Hamburger SV than to watch Stielike's form in Spain.

Kaiser Franz has been playing well in the Bundesliga, and there's a good deal of public support for his recall to the national team.

If Derwall decides to ignore the 36-year-old legend and the Germans flop in Spain, then the national team boss will receive a right royal slating.

If he brings Beckenbauer back, it'll be a terrible injustice for Stielike.

"Just one thing," calls Uli suddenly. "Don't forget to point out that I always play in midfield for Real. I'm not only a sweeper, remember."

"Even if Beckenbauer returns, that doesn't necessarily mean I'm out of the team, because I can play in a different position in defence or midfield. . . ."

Should Kaiser Franz come back? Should Stielike retain his place? That, at the moment, is Derwall's Dilemma.

West Germany have played 32 games under Derwall, winning 25, drawing four and losing three.

Their three losses were all against South American opposition—2-1 by Argentina and 4-1 by Brazil in the 1981 Gold Cup in Uruguay; in May Brazil beat the Germans 2-1 on their European tour. Of course, under Derwall West Germany won the 1980 European Championship.

*The way to Spain . . . but will both Franz Beckenbauer and Uli Stielike be there with West Germany?*

## 24 Players – 9 Goalscorers

West Germany manager Jupp Derwall took over from the legendary Helmut Schoen after the 1978 World Cup Finals. Since then the Germans' record has become the envy of Europe.

Even though West Germany still don't have a particularly settled side, the German players are so adaptable that players can come and go, play in positions different to their club roles, but the national team is no less effective.

In the eight World Cup qualifiers, Derwall used 24 players:

Rummenigge (Bay. Munich)	8
Kaltz (Hamburger SV)	8
Magath (Hamburger SV)	8
Schumacher (1.FC Cologne)	7
Kh. Förster (VfB Stuttgart)	7
Briegel (1.FC Kaisersl.)	7
Stielike (Real Madrid)	6
Breitner (Bayern Munich)	6
Fischer (Schalke/Cologne)	6
Dremmler (Bay. Munich)	5
H. Müller (VfB Stuttgart)	4
Borchers (Eintr. Frankf.)	3
Hrubesch (Hamburger SV)	3
K. Allofs (Düsseld./Cologne)	3
Hannes (Bor. M'gladb.)	3
Dietz (MSV Duisburg)	2
Schuster (FC Barcelona)	2
Allgöwer (VfB Stuttgart)	2
Littbarski (1.FC Cologne)	2
B. Förster (VfB Stuttgart)	1
Immel (Bor. Dortmund)	1
Votava (Bor. Dortmund)	1
Milewski (Hamburger SV)	1
Matthäus (Bor. M'gladb.)	1

### GOALSCORERS

Rummenigge (Bay. Munich)	9
Fischer (Schalke/Cologne)	7
Kaltz (Hamburger SV)	5
Breitner (Bay. Munich)	3
Littbarski (1.FC Cologne)	3
Schuster (FC Barcelona)	2
Briegel (1.FC Kaisersl.)	1
Dremmler (Bay. Munich)	1
Magath (Hamburger SV)	1
Kraus (Austria)	1 o.g.



Young players, such as Littbarski and Dremmler have impressed recently and the team which won the European Championship has been changed:

SCHUMACHER			
KALTZ	K. H. FORSTER	STIELIKE	DIETZ
SCHUSTER	BRIEGEL	K. ALLOFS	MÜLLER
DREMMER	BREITNER	LITTBARSKI	MAGATH
		H. RUBESCH	
RUMMENIGGE		FISCHER	



# 'I WOULD HAVE LIKED TO PLAY FOR LIVERPOOL'

by Oleg Blokhin

**T**he European Footballer of the Year in 1975 seemed to have disappeared permanently from the honours lists.

His club, Dynamo Kiev, was no longer undisputed top-dog in the Soviet competitions.

And the USSR national team has been conspicuously absent from the last two World Cups and European Championships.

But suddenly Dynamo Kiev are back. The Soviets are back. And Oleg Blokhin is back to the scintillating form that rocketed him to fame when Dynamo powered to a 1975 Cup Winners' Cup victory and gave European Champions Bayern Munich a real roasting in the Super Cup. In fact, Blokhin seems better.

The devastating speed is the same; the ball-skills seem to be put to better use; and his shooting appears more lethal.

"You could be right," agrees 29-year-old Blokhin. "I think I'm a more mature player now, and I feel that I use my individual skills for the benefit of the whole team.

"I still have my weaknesses, though. My heading needs to be improved, for example. As for my 'disappearance' in recent years, this has been a poor period for Soviet football in general, and this has affected the game from top to bottom.

*David Johnson and Kevin Keegan celebrate Liverpool's 1977 European Cup victory over Borussia Munchengladbach.*



"I suffered a lot when we didn't appear in the 1974 and 1978 World Cups, because it's every footballer's dream to appear in the Finals.

"Now it looks as though my dreams have come true."

On current form, the Russians are a fair outside bet for the World Cup, and Blokhin's sprints down the left flank are going to cause a few nightmares.

"My mother was an athlete, so when I was a boy I concentrated on athletics and swimming before I took up football.

"I didn't even put on a pair of football boots till I was ten. Then I used to practise shooting against the wall of our apartment block—and I broke a few windows!

"But I have always played several sports, and this is a fundamental part of the preparation of our national team.

"My sprinting was a great help, and my personal best for the 100 metres is 10.8. I also do weight-lifting to gain strength.

"I play basketball for changes of direction and looking for space. Tennis for mobility. Swimming for stamina. And volley-ball for reflexes.

"My favourite has always been sprinting against 1972 Olympic Champion Valeri

Borzov, though."

Talking of the Olympics, Russian sportsmen are theoretically amateurs...

"Yes, my job is a teacher of physical education. Money isn't associated with sport in our mentality—it's something we do purely for enjoyment. We must earn our living from something else.

"You know, people have asked me if I'd like to play football for big money in the West and my honest answer is 'no'.

"I don't want football to become a job. At the moment it's a passion, and I prefer it that way!

"From the football point of view, I would have liked to play for the great Ajax side with Cruyff, or in the Liverpool side that won the first European Cup in 1977.

"I think that was the best team I've ever seen. As for the current USSR team, I think we have a good side, with outstanding players such as Kipiani and Shengalia—perhaps the best team in recent years.

"I'm tremendously pleased that we'll be playing in Spain. It's really an honour to be there.

"But I'm not interested in shining as an individual—I just want us to do well as a team."





Rossi (far left) scores against Austria during the 1976 World Cup Finals.

# ROSSI RISK

**I**t's incredible to think that Rossi had played only two games for Italy before he hit the world's headlines with a sensational display in Argentina in 1978.

But just when the young striker looked set for a long career at the top, his involvement in a "match-fixing" scandal in Italy earned him a two-year suspension which finishes just six weeks before the World Cup kicks-off in Spain.

The Italians are arguing fiercely about the wisdom of taking Rossi to Spain after such a long lay-off.

"In theory, it looks as though Bearzot is going to include me in the squad, and I must say I have mixed feelings about it," he says.

"On the one hand it makes me happy to know that I'm still considered among the best in Italy.

"But on the other hand I'm a little alarmed that a lot of the Italian public are now expecting my return to the team to solve all

our problems—they'll be expecting miracles from Rossi, and I'm not at all sure that I'll be able to provide them.

"I won't have played a single competitive match between April 27th, 1980, and the World Cup, and I just don't know how I'll cope with the responsibility of representing my country in a World Cup.

"What's more, some of the other players, like Graziani and Selvaggi, are upset at the prospect of losing their places in the team just to make room for me.

## Comeback

"I can understand their attitude, and it doesn't make it any easier for me to feel confident about my comeback.

"I know Bearzot has been criticised a lot after Italy's performances in our qualifying group, but I agree a hundred per cent with his views on running the national team.

"It was exactly the same before the 1978 World Cup. The

***If you were a national team-manager picking your World Cup squad, would you include a 26-year-old striker who hasn't played a single match since April 27th 1980?***

***That's the dilemma facing Italy's manager Enzo Bearzot.***

***But the odds are that he'll include the striker in question because he's simply too good to leave out. His name is Paolo Rossi.***

Press said we were so bad that we'd do better to stay at home and not go to Argentina.

"Once we started playing well, the reporters miraculously changed their minds overnight.

"Having said that, I can't see us being able to beat Argentina, Brazil or West Germany unless

we can travel to Spain with a different mentality.

"We still suffer from the permanent problem of Italian football. The fear of losing is greater than the will to win.

"We must somehow try to break away from our typical defensive football and develop a team capable of looking for goals—and scoring them.

"Because we haven't played well in our qualifying matches, people are saying we have no hope in the Finals.

"But countries like England, Czechoslovakia and France have qualified by the skin of their teeth, and Holland have been eliminated.

"I think Italy can do something special in Spain if we travel with the right attitude. As for my personal performance . . . well, that's in the lap of the gods."

**B**y the time Dino Zoff plays against Poland in the opening match in the World Cup Finals, chances are he will be two caps away from joining the exclusive 100 Club.

Zoff ended the qualifying campaign with 96 caps, beating Giacinto Facchetti's record to become Italy's most-capped player.

If he plays in Italy's two friendlies against France and East Germany—and chances are he'll start each one, even if he gives way to a second-half substitute to enable understudies to gain experience, the 40-year-old Juventus 'keeper will become the ninth player to have won a soccer century of caps.

Statistics can be unreliable, especially from South America, where 'caps' are often awarded for friendlies against club sides or state selections. But these

players can claim to have won a hundred or more caps in top-class games:

Nordqvist (Sweden) .....	115
Moore (England) .....	108
B. Charlton (England) .....	106
Wright (England) .....	105
Svenssen (Norway) .....	104
Beckenbauer (W. Germany) .....	103
Deyna (Poland) .....	102
Bozsik (Hungary) .....	100

Zoff won his first cap against Bulgaria on April 20th, 1968 and kept a clean sheet in Italy's 2-0 win.

He was second choice to Alber-

tosi in Mexico for the 1970 World Cup Finals, but since then has been a regular choice for Italy.

His best spell was between 1972 and 1974 when he kept his goal intact for 1,144 minutes before the unlikely figure of Haiti's Emmanuel Sanon broke the deadlock.

For Juventus, Zoff's record is 903 minutes without a goal in 1972/73.

He made his League debut for Udinese 21 years ago; he has now played more than 300 Italian League games in succession.

It would be a fitting climax to his career to reach the century in Spain.





# 'FRANCE GOOD TO FINISH

## says their boss Michel Hidalgo

Everybody seems to be agreed that Europe's main hope of laying hands on the Jules Rimet trophy lies with Karl-Heinz Rummenigge's West Germany. The European Champions cruised through their qualifying group, scoring hatfuls of goals, and are set to challenge the immense talents of Brazilians and Argentines.

Europe's other seeded countries, Italy, England and Spain are tipped to do fairly well, but no one expects the first two to win the trophy.

Among the unseeded Europeans, the Soviet Union are highly fancied—unfortunately for the Scots. Their ace winger Oleg Blokhin is back on top form (see page 52) and they've built a talented team capable of producing a surprise.

But World Cup history shows that someone usually "comes from nowhere" to produce a big upset.

In 1962 it was Yugoslavia. In 1966 it was Portugal. In 1970 it was Italy. In 1974 it was Holland. And in 1978 it was Austria. Who will it be this time?

Let's have a look at the list of contenders, starting with England's two opponents, France and Czechoslovakia.

BY COINCIDENCE, their managers Michel Hidalgo and Josef Venglos were sitting directly in front of "SHOOT" at the draw in Madrid in January.

The French had suffered a cruel draw in 1978, and despite playing some good football, had bowed out against Italy, Hungary and hosts Argentina.

This time they'd been hoping to be drawn in Group 4, feeling that England were the weakest of the seeded teams.

And Hidalgo, after a sharp intake of breath, seemed quietly confident when his wish came true.

"Yes, this group isn't impossible for France. England have a footballing history. And Czechoslovakia knocked us out of the last European Championship.

"But there's nobody we need to fear in this group. I believe we have the talent to qualify for the second phase, and if we do this, I believe we can aim for third place in the tournament.

### Nucleus

"I've already selected a nucleus of 19 players who were at our training camp over Christmas.

"Barring injuries they'll be the basis of my World Cup 22.

"I've built the side around Michel Platini, but we have talent in all departments, and remember we acquired a lot of valuable experience during the 1978 Finals.

"It's difficult to predict how England are going to play on June 16th—they lack

consistency. However, I'm fairly confident that we can beat the Czechs, who are in something of a phase of transition in the rebuilding of a team.

"In any case, the French squad will spend a month at Font Romeu in the Pyrenees doing altitude training before the World Cup starts, and we won't come back to sea level until five or six

days before the England game.

"Experts tell me that this will boost our performance in the vital game. Let's hope they're right!"

In the meantime, Czechoslovakia's 46-year-old manager Josef Venglos has been keeping his cards pretty close to his chest.

"For us it's a difficult group, with three European teams of roughly equal ability.

### Weaker sides

"I don't agree with the people who say that England are one of the weaker sides—they have a very good team. We will aim to have the edge because of a better preparation programme.

"Between the end of January and the beginning of the World Cup our squad will have played preparation games in Mexico, Colombia, Brazil, Greece, West Germany and Austria.

"Then a month before the kick-off we'll go to the Tatra Mountains for altitude training, and we won't travel to Spain until five or six days before our opening match against Kuwait.

"Talking about Kuwait, it's a

mistake for us Europeans to forget them when we're making our plans.

"They've been playing some of the world's top teams; they're well coached; and they're improving all the time. There are few underdogs in world football these days.

"As for my own team, I am trying to blend in some new young players alongside our more experienced players like Nehoda and Panenka.

"I am making no predictions, but we are determined to qualify for the Second Round at least."

Of the other European challengers, Hungary and European Championship Finalists Belgium have a tough task against World Champions Argentina in the heat-soaked cities of Alicante and Elche.

Managers Guy Thys and Kalman Meszoly concede that Menotti's team are favourites to qualify, and they'll be fighting tooth-and-nail against each other for the second place.

Hungary manager Meszoly greeted the draw with a wry smile, remembering the 1978 Finals when the Magyars' challenge fizzled out after the



Camacho of Spain (left) gets to grips with Belgium skipper Wilfred van Moer.



# ENOUGH THIRD'



sendings-off of star players Nyilasi and Torocsik in the opening game against Argentina.

The Belgians are aiming to carry on where they left off in Italy, and to improve their dismal World Cup record—with no one trying harder than veteran midfielder Van Moer who, at 37, sees this World Cup as the climax to his career.

Younger names like Ceulemans and Van den Bergh are keen to confirm their reputations.

Ironically, both Belgium and

Hungary prefer a counter-attacking game, and their clash on June 22nd should be a dramatic climax to Group 3.

Based on recent form, the Belgians look better equipped than the Hungarians for a serious tilt at the title.

Poland played some brilliant attacking football to eliminate the East Germans in the qualifying phase, with 32-year-old striker Lato still very much a force to be reckoned with.

Midfield ace Boniek reckons: "It favours us to play the first

*Above: Kazimierz Deyna, captain of Poland's outstanding 1974 side.*

*Right: Yugoslavia dangerman Vladimir Petrovic, who has been linked with Arsenal.*

game against Italy, as we believe we can beat them.

"We know how to counter their style of play.

"Then we play Peru, whom we beat 1-0 in Argentina in 1978. I think we can beat them again, too.

"We are not underestimating Cameroon—especially bearing in mind all the problems we had with Tunisia last time. But again we must be confident of winning.

"We can win the group. And if we prepare ourselves thoroughly we can do as well as in 1974 when we came third."

The Poles' manager Antoni Piechniczek doesn't feel that recent political problems can have any adverse effect on his team's performance, and also fancies Poland for a place in the semi-finals.

"It is important for us to win our group," he adds, "to avoid Brazil in the second phase."

Down in Group 3, Northern Ireland find Yugoslavia among their rivals, and Miljan Miljanic's team is strongly tipped to spring a surprise, especially after finishing ahead of Italy in the qualifying phase, and playing much better football in the process.

"This is my second World Cup," says Miljanic, "and we won't be repeating the mistakes we made in Germany in 1974.

"I believe that it's just a formality that Spain and ourselves will qualify from Group 5, and after that we are capable of going the whole way."

One of the veterans from their 1974 campaign is 26-year-old Red Star Belgrade skipper Vladimir Petrovic, voted Footballer of the Year in Yugoslavia in 1981.

"If we prepare ourselves properly, both physically and mentally, we could be the big

surprise. We haven't set our minds on reaching the Final but, honestly, I see no reason why we couldn't be there."

All of which sounds like bad news for Billy Bingham's Northern Ireland side—drawn alongside Yugoslavia, Honduras and hosts Spain.

"It's always a handicap to be drawn against the host nation," he remarked cautiously after the draw. "But no one seems to fancy us, and that could be an advantage..."

And goalkeeper Pat Jennings, who celebrates his 37th birthday on the eve of the Finals, vows: "We're going to make life difficult for the other teams. We're not going to Spain just for the ride, you know."

What's more, Jock Stein clapped Billy Bingham on the shoulder after the draw in Madrid and predicted.

"You are going to be a soccer millionaire after this, my lad. You're going to qualify!"

## Difficult

Let's hope the Big Man is right, but it is difficult to see Northern Ireland progressing further than the First Round.

In fact, Jock Stein was more pessimistic about Scotland's chances of beating Brazil and the USSR in Group 6!

The draw could hardly have been tougher for the Scots, but Stein is making sure that 1974 and 1978 errors won't be repeated, in terms of organising the whole campaign.

"What's more," he adds, "in a lot of ways a tough draw is what my boys need to keep them on their toes from start to finish. And I would always put money on Scotland to win death-or-glory matches.

"A lot of people have said to me that the World Cup winners will come from our group. And by the heck I hope they're right!"

By July 11th, all the questions will have been answered.

*Czechoslovakia striker Zdenek Nedved, one of Europe's most experienced campaigners.*





# GOALS

Socrates pulls the strings in midfield for Brazil and scores a fair share of goals as well.

The evergreen Roberto Bettiga, one of the best Italian strikers since the War.



Marcelo Gallardo, the young Argentine forward, is one of the most promising players in the world.





# in their BOOTS

We spotlight some of the men whose goals have thrilled fans all over the world.

Hans Krankl, the Austrian marksman, is probably Europe's most consistent goalscorer over the past ten years.

Belgium's Jan De Bockmaer was impressive during the 1980 European Championship Finals.

Belgium's FORMER MVP OF THE Finals 1980 and 1984—Wesley Sneijder and his team.

LEFT: Roberto Figueras (white strip) is a regular goalscorer—he is also Honduras' free-kick expert.

One of the Soviet Union dangermen—Ramas Shengalia (white strip) threatens the Czech goal.



CAMEROON

EL SALVADOR

KUWAIT

HONDURAS

NEW ZEALAND

ALGERIA

WHO would have backed North Korea to knock out Italy and qualify for the Second Round in 1966? Who would have thought Tunisia could pick up three points in 1978 and hold World Champions West Germany to a draw? Who could predict that Iran would take a vital point from Scotland? There'll be six underdogs in Spain. As usual, they're being regarded as mere cannon-fodder for the big guns. But are they really?

**N**ew Zealand's assistant manager Kevin Fallon was sitting in the front row at the Palacio de Congresos in Madrid, alongside his future rival Jock Stein.

An hour had passed since the World Cup draw had finished, but Kevin still looked shell-shocked.

"Let's be honest," he remarked. "If we pick up just one

travelling something over 60,000 miles in the process.

Only a public subscription managed to provide the £35,000 they needed to finance the trek to Singapore to face China in a death-or-glory play-off.

"We won that in the tunnel," recalls Kevin. "We were delayed for 15 minutes, and that gave the Chinese a lot of time to see how much bigger and tougher our guys were. By the time they shook off their inferiority



Carlos Caballero of Honduras (white strip) and El Salvador's Francisco Osorio in action during a qualifying tie.

## UNDERDOGS WITH A BITE?

point against Brazil, the USSR and Scotland, that'll be one point more than anyone expects!"

It's a tough draw for John Adshead's New Zealand side after they'd battled through 15 qualifying matches, losing only one, scoring 44 goals (including a record 13-0 win over Fiji) and

complex, we were 2-0 up!"

Meanwhile, Kuwait seem delighted at the prospect of doing battle with England in Group 4.

Their vice-chairman Ahmad Al-Sabah commented: "A lot of us—including myself—have strong personal links with England.

"The trouble is that there are also two other strong teams in the same group! France and Czechoslovakia will not be easy for us.

"Also, the damp climate in Bilbao, where we play England, will not favour us. Thank goodness we'll play our other two games in Valladolid, where it's usually drier and hotter.

"We could be the joker in the pack, because we play Brazilian-style football—which may pose some problems for our European rivals.

"Anyway, we are here to play against the world's top teams, and we have nothing to lose. I hope that England and Kuwait will qualify from this group."

Billy Bingham's Northern Ireland side must be confident of beating Honduras, whose manager Chelato winced at being drawn in the same group as hosts Spain.

"Our ambitions are modest," he admits. "We want to avoid at all costs being humiliated as Mexico were in 1978.

"Our five-month preparation programme stands us in good stead, and I believe the calendar

is to our advantage in that we play Spain first—when they'll be at their most nervous.

"Yugoslavia are a team to be feared, and I rate them among the best in Europe at the moment.

"I know very little about the Irish, because they haven't been in World Cup since 1958. We have an outside chance of qualifying for the second phase."

The bad news for Honduras is that striker Jimmy Bailey has needed a second ligament operation and is doubtful for June.

### Exile

His replacement in the goal-shy attack alongside star striker "Macho" Figueroa could be USA exile Raul Betancourt.

Sweeper Gilberto, who's been starring for Spanish club Valladolid, is likely to be drafted into midfield alongside Zelaya and Bueso, and skipper Ramon Maradiaga could be hard-pressed to retain his place.

Honduras play it tight at the back, thanks largely to goalkeeper Arzu and stopper Anthony Costly, and they may be harder to break down than many critics predict.

Among the other "minnows", it's hard to see El Salvador springing many surprises against Argentina, Belgium and Hungary, having failed to score in six of their 13 qualifying games—despite having Central America's top striker Jorge Gonzalez in their side.

"He's got amazing individual skills," agrees manager and

construction engineer Pipo Rodriguez, "but he must learn to contribute more to the team as a whole."

El Salvador's Chairman Felix Castillo seems resigned to a repeat performance of his country's 1970 World Cup appearance—three defeats and no goals.

"But hope," he adds, "is the last thing you lose."

Algeria's problem in Group 2 will be not to lose heart if they come unstuck in a big way against West Germany in their opening match.

And the side coached by Rachid Mekhloufi has the extra handicap of playing in venues where the going is likely to be soft.

Algeria's strongest department is the defence, with the talented Belloumi (African Sportsman of 1981), Dahleb and skipper Fergani in midfield.

Assistant manager Maouche reckons they're good enough to take points off Austria and Chile.

Even so, Cameroon look the best bet among the "also-rans", though they may not like the soft ground in La Coruna and Vigo.

One thing is certain—all six underdogs are heading for Spain burning with ambition to do well, and making optimistic statements about their chances.

The underdogs have proved they can bark. In June we'll find out if they can bite. . .

Kuwait's Naser Al-Ghanen on the ball as New Zealand's Steve Sumner looks on.





# ENGLAND'S WARNING TO ENGLAND



**I**t's tougher for Scotland than England. That is the forecast of Wales manager Mike England as he surveys the World Cup draw from first hand experience—his unlucky side narrowly failed to qualify for Spain after losing to Czechoslovakia and then the USSR.

The Czechs, beaten 1-0 in Cardiff but then 2-0 victors in Prague, are in England's group: the Soviet side, which took three points out of four against Wales, are formidable opposition for the Scots in their determination to battle through to the final stages in Spain.

"Looking at it objectively, you must say that it is far harder for Jock Stein's players," says England. "They have got to split the USSR and the Brazilians... that's a tremendous task.

"When the qualifying competition started, I looked carefully at our group and decided that the Czechs were going to be tougher rivals than the Russians at the finish, my admiration was first and foremost for the Soviet side.

## Unanimous

"After they had beaten us 3-0 in Tbilisi following 0-0 at Wrexham, the opinion was unanimous among our players—they would reach the last four in Spain. Then it will be purely if they are good enough on the day. If they are, they can beat anyone and win the Cup.

"What the Scots will face is a Soviet side very different from those we've known in the past: brilliant individuals allowed to employ their flair.

"That is the difference between being good enough just to qualify for the World Cup Finals... but then being great enough to win.

"Oleg Blokhin is possibly an even better player now than when he was European Footballer of the Year in 1975.

"I know that after they had beaten us in Tbilisi to ensure their place in Spain, he was ecstatic.

"He was saying that this was his last chance to play in the World Cup Finals—and that he was going to make up for lost time when he got there. I think that he will prove a very special player this summer.

"His partnership with Ramaz

*Vizek of Czechoslovakia in control against Wales in Prague.*



Shengelia means that they come at defences with double throttle. Shengelia, who scored against us, has just the same qualities as Blokhin and has shown that he can hit the target consistently on the big occasion.

"In fact, this entire Soviet squad under Konstantin Beskov is geared to attack. He was a world class centre-forward himself and has groomed his

players to express their skills: there is brilliantly creative play in midfield, for instance, from Leonid Buryak and Vladimir Bessonov.

"If we had one doubt about them in Tbilisi it was their defence without skipper Alexander Chivadze. He was missing through injury and his direction as sweeper is obviously vitally important to their pattern

of play.

"But, of course, he will be ready for Spain as should David Kipiani—also world class in midfield—after his broken leg."

But the Wales boss warns England's players not to slacken their concentration against Czechoslovakia.

"Josef Venglos has put together a squad of superb organisation. They contain and hold the ball with real skill.

"Just when you feel that you have their measure, they break with shattering speed. Werner Licka, who scored against us in Prague, is a midfield player who can set up moves and finish them with a marvellous deft skill.

"Up front, too, I'm sure that Ron Greenwood's players will find that Zdenek Nehoda and Marian Masny will be flat out for—like Blokhin—their last chance of glory.

"They've been two of the finest attacking players in Europe and this will probably be their last time on the world stage.

"The Czechs are masters of the set-piece moves. Whatever England's defenders do in Spain, they must never lose concentration when Antonin Panenka comes up to take a free-kick or corner. So many of their goals come from his use of the dead ball."

At one time, England looked a better bet than Ron Greenwood, Jock Stein or Billy Bingham to be heading a British team to Spain. First, a masterly nine points out of ten looked good enough; then, one point—from a dreadful home draw against Iceland—from the last six bitterly destroyed the prospects of Wales.

"It was the worst experience of my lifetime in football," says England categorically. Yet his managerial style and success in heading Wales plus the tough European Championship qualifying draw ahead that bracketed Wales with Yugoslavia, is prompting speculation about his future.

The former Spurs centre-half is strongly tipped to venture into First Division management and he is certainly available because he has never signed his F.A.W. contract.





# WORLD CUP

## FIRST ROUND

GROUP 1 ITALY POLAND PERU CAMEROON	GROUP 2 W. GERMANY AUSTRIA CHILE ALGERIA	GROUP 3 ARGENTINA HUNGARY BELGIUM EL SALVADOR	GROUP 4 ENGLAND CZECH. FRANCE KUWAIT	GROUP 5 SPAIN YUGOSLAVIA N. IRELAND HONDURAS
June 14 Vigo—4.15 Italy v Poland Score:	June 16 Gijon—4.15 W. Germany v Algeria Score:	June 13 Barcelona—7.00 Argentina v Belgium Score:	June 16 Bilbao—4.15 England v France Score:	June 16 Valencia—8.00 Spain v Honduras Score:
June 15 La Coruna—4.15 Peru v Cameroon Score:	June 17 Oviedo—4.15 Chile v Austria Score:	June 15 Elche—8.00 Hungary v El Salvador Score:	June 17 Valladolid—4.15 Czechoslovakia v Kuwait Score:	June 17 Zaragoza—8.00 Yugoslavia v N. Ireland Score:
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Fill in the scores of the First Round ties in the spaces provided. Space has been left in later games for you to fill in the names of the qualifiers and the scores. Times given are British time: Spain is one hour ahead.



# PROGRAMME

## GROUP 6 BRAZIL USSR SCOTLAND N. ZEALAND

June 14  
Seville—8.00  
Brazil v USSR  
Score:

June 15  
Malaga—8.00  
Scotland v N.  
Zealand  
Score:

June 18  
Seville—8.00  
Brazil v Scotland  
Score:

June 19  
Malaga—8.00  
USSR v N. Zealand  
Score:

June 22  
Malaga—8.00  
USSR v Scotland  
Score:

June 23  
Seville—8.00  
Brazil v N. Zealand  
Score:

## SECOND ROUND

In the Second Round there are three games in each group. After the first game is played, the winner goes into the third match and the loser into the second. Should that opening match end in a draw, then the first-named team plays in the second game and the other in the third. The group winners qualify for the Semi-Finals.

### GROUP A

Nou Camp, Barcelona

June 28—8.00  
Winner Group 1 v  
Winner Group 3

Score:

July 1—8.00  
Runner-up Group 6  
v

Score:

July 4—8.00  
Runner-up Group 6  
v

Score:

### GROUP B

Bernabeu, Madrid

June 29—8.00  
Winner Group 2 v  
Winner Group 4

Score:

July 2—8.00  
Runner-up Group 5  
v

Score:

July 5—8.00  
Runner-up Group 5  
v

Score:

### GROUP C

Sarria, Barcelona

June 29—4.15  
Runner-up Group 1 v  
Runner-up Group 3

Score:

July 2—4.15  
Winner Group 6  
v

Score:

July 5—4.15  
Winner Group 6  
v

Score:

### GROUP D

Vicente Calderon, Madrid

June 28—4.15  
Runner-up Group 2  
v  
Runner-up Group 4

Score:

July 1—4.15  
Winner Group 5  
v

Score:

July 4—4.15  
Winner Group 5  
v

Score:

## SEMI-FINALS

Barcelona July 8 4.15

Winner Group A v Winner Group C

Seville 8.00

Winner Group B v Winner Group D

## THIRD PLACE PLAY-OFF

Alicante July 10 7.00

Losers of Semi-Finals

## WORLD CUP FINAL

Madrid July 11 7.00

Winners of Semi-Finals



## WAYS TO THE WORLD CUP FINAL

### FIRST ROUND

- Gp. 1 Italy  
Poland  
Peru  
Cameroon
- Gp. 3 Argentina  
Belgium  
Hungary  
El Salvador
- Gp. 6 Brazil  
USSR  
Scotland  
New Zealand
- Gp. 2 W. Germany  
Austria  
Chile  
Algeria
- Gp. 4 England  
France  
Czechoslovakia  
Kuwait
- Gp. 5 Spain  
Yugoslavia  
N. Ireland  
Honduras

### SECOND ROUND

- Group A  
Italy (1st Gp. 1)  
Argentina (1st Gp. 3)  
USSR (2nd Gp. 6)
- Group C  
Brazil (1st Gp. 6)  
Belgium (2nd Gp. 3)  
Poland (2nd Gp. 1)
- Group B  
W. Germany (1st Gp. 2)  
England (1st Gp. 4)  
Yugoslavia (2nd Gp. 5)
- Group D  
Spain (1st Gp. 5)  
Austria (2nd Gp. 2)  
France (2nd Gp. 4)

- Argentina  
(1st Group A)  
v  
Brazil  
(1st Group C)
- W. Germany  
(1st Group B)  
v  
Spain  
(1st Group D)

FINAL

This schedule, which appeared in the *Observer*, shows how the World Cup could work out if the seedings are followed. Qualification for the second stage has been awarded to the six seeds and the second level sides in each group. But anyone, by choosing their own winners and runners-up, can adapt the diagram to suit their own preferences. On the assumption that England and Italy are the weakest seeds, the other four seeds have been shown advancing to the Semi-Finals. It does rule out an all-South American or all-European Final . . . but football doesn't always work out as expected.



# ARGENTINA v BELGIUM... Two First Division stars who could be face-to-face in the opening tie.



*OF the 132 Argentine players currently playing abroad, only two have been recalled by Cesar Luis Menotti to form part of the World Champions' title-defence squad.*

*One is winger Daniel Bertonni currently in Italy with Fiorentina. The other is Osvaldo Ardiles, known to Spurs' fans as simply "Ossie".*

*Closely in touch with European and South American football since he travelled to London nearly four years ago, Ardiles is in a good position to tell us whether Argentina are capable of repeating their 1978 triumph, and which European teams have a chance of snatching the title.*

## 'We're a better side than in 1978'

~ARDILES

**I** agree with the bookmakers that Brazil, West Germany and Argentina are the three main candidates. And I'd say their main rivals will be Italy, USSR, England, Belgium and maybe Spain.

"OK, I know people are not all that optimistic about England's chances, but I'm sure they'll play well once they've had a chance to get the side together and form a good team spirit.

"In my opinion, two of England's best performances in the last couple of years have been against Argentina and Hungary, when they've had a full week together to prepare for the games, instead of the usual two days.

"The people in Argentina are amazed when I explain how the national team isn't given much importance in England, whereas the domestic competitions are sacred.

"As for Argentina, I think our current side is better than the one that won the World Cup in 1978.

"It's a generally more experienced side, and even the young players have had more games against the world's top opposition than comparable youngsters in other countries.

"In 1978 we were playing at home and we were well prepared

for the Finals.

"And if we failed to play consistently I think it was because we weren't among the favourites to win, and a lot of people told us that 'a decent performance' would be enough.

"But we soon realised that the Argentine public was going to bed and dreaming about winning the World Cup—not a 'decent performance' or a 'moral victory'.

"In the second phase we set our sights higher, even though we still weren't convinced we could go the whole way. This time there's a solid base of quality, experience and confidence. And on top of that, there's the talent of Maradona.

### Best player

"Maradona is undoubtedly the best player in the world, and it's logical that any team he plays in must use his talents to the full.

"I admit that it's dangerous to rely too heavily on one man, because he can be injured at any time. Look what happened to Brazil when Pele was injured in 1966.

"We've simply got to treat Maradona as the ace in our pack, without forgetting that we've got some other good cards, too.

"If he does nothing else, his

## 'Defeat—and we could be out'

~VAN DER ELST

**B**elgian star Francois Van der Elst has to thank West Ham for almost guaranteeing his place in the World Cup Finals! Van der Elst was told by Belgian national team manager Guy Thys: "Stay with the Cosmos and I cannot possibly select you for Spain."

When the former Anderlecht star heard that, he knew he had to return to Europe. Neither his old club nor Standard Liege could afford the £400,000 fee so West Ham saved the player's World Cup hopes, by signing him on a three-year contract.

"Already, Thys has said to me I shall go to Spain if I am playing in Europe," says Van der Elst.

"So I am very thankful to John Lyall and the West Ham club for signing me. I hope I can thank them by doing well on the field."

### Sharpen up

Thys insisted Van der Elst sharpened up for Spain, in the solid Leagues of Europe, rather than on artificial pitches in America. Now the player says: "It is every player's dream to play in the World Cup Finals.

"Going there is very important for me. It is the chance to test yourself against the best players in the world, with the eyes of all the world upon you. No player could ask for more.

"I do not fear tiredness at the end of May, or early in June. Although it will be hard playing in the English First Division, I have had a break of six weeks this winter, between finishing in America and starting with West Ham.

"Anyway, the atmosphere of the World Cup Finals will be sufficient to make players forget any tiredness.

"Certainly, playing each week in England, will make me



much sharper for the Finals."

Belgium take part in the opening match of the Finals, against the holders Argentina.

In the past, the opening games have developed into drab affairs but Van der Elst says: "Both sides can play good football, so we shall hope the same does not happen this time.

"The problem is that the first game is so important. If you lose, you could be virtually out of the Finals.

"So everybody is afraid to lose that first match and that is why it is often a big disappointment."

Belgium or England for the World Cup Final? "I would pick Brazil and West Germany," adds Van der Elst. "I would like to be proved wrong, though."

simple presence on the field makes the other team devote time, men and energy to keeping him under control.

"This gives the rest of us that little bit extra room and time—and it's up to us to make the most of it.

"Even without Maradona, I'd say Argentina would still be a firm candidate for the title.

"The Argentine Press has been speculating for some time about Kempes and Maradona being incompatible in the same team, but

I believe that basically two great players can always play in the same team.

"If they seem to play similar roles at club level, there's nothing to prevent them from finding a formula for playing together in the national team.

"As for myself, I'm basically the same player as I was in 1978, but with four years extra experience.

"I think maybe European football has made me improve my level of consistency."



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# Super Focus ON

*Stars from  
both ends of  
the world*

The World Cup brings together the giants and the minnows of the world. Household names . . . and unknowns. Here we feature two such contrasting players, who share the ambition to play for their countries when they clash in Spain, and had the same boyhood idol, Bobby Charlton. . .

## Al-Anbari KUWAIT

FULL NAME: Abdul-Aziz Al-Anbari  
BIRTHPLACE: Kuwait City, Kuwait  
BIRTHDATE: 3rd January, 1954  
HEIGHT: 5ft 10ins  
WEIGHT: 11st 3lb  
MARRIED: Yes

CHILDREN: Two daughters  
CARS: A Buick and a Jaguar  
CLUB: Kuwait Sporting Club  
OTHER JOB: We're not professionals in Kuwait, but I also work for the Ministry of Social Affairs

NICKNAME: None, really . . . I'm known as Anbari, though  
FAVOURITE NEWSPAPER: "Qubas," a Kuwait publication  
FAVOURITE PLAYER: Johan Cruyff  
PLAYER FOR THE FUTURE: Diego Maradona

FAVOURITE OTHER TEAM:

Flamengo of Brazil

FOOTBALL HERO OF CHILDHOOD:

Bobby Charlton

FAVOURITE OTHER SPORT: Fishing

OTHER SPORTS PERSON YOU MOST ADMIRE: Sheik Fahed Al-Sabah

BEST-EVER ALL-TIME XI: When Married (sic). (Al-Anbari obviously misunderstood the question!)

MOST MEMORABLE MATCH:

Beating China 1-0 in Kuwait last December in a World Cup qualifier

BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT:

Losing the first game to China 3-0

FRIENDLIEST AWAY FANS: England

STADIUM YOU'D MOST LIKE TO PLAY IN: Wembley

FAVOURITE FOOD AND DRINK:

Shrimps . . . orange juice

MISCELLANEOUS LIKES AND DISLIKES: I enjoy listening to quiet, soft music . . . I hate sandstorms  
FAVOURITE SINGERS: Bee Gees  
FAVOURITE ACTRESS: Charles Bronson . . . Sophia Loren  
FAVOURITE HOLIDAY RESORT:

London

BEST FILM SEEN RECENTLY: The Godfather

FAVOURITE T.V. SHOW: It's called Big League Soccer—when our television shows games from England

FAVOURITE ACTIVITY ON DAY OFF:

I like to go fishing

BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER:

The support of my parents and the fans

SUPERSTITIONS: I don't feel happy when it rains during a match . . . something always seems to go wrong

INTERNATIONAL HONOURS: I've helped Kuwait to win the Military World Cup, the Asian Cup as well as qualifying for the 1980 Olympic Games and now the World Cup Finals

PERSONAL AMBITIONS: Good health—and to do well in Spain

IF NOT A PLAYER, WHAT WOULD YOU DO: A jockey possibly

CAREER AFTER PLAYING: In the trading business

WHICH PEOPLE IN THE WORLD WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO MEET?

Pele . . . and the Princess of Wales



## TREVOR BROOKING ENGLAND



FULL NAME: Trevor David Brooking

BIRTHPLACE: Barking, Essex

BIRTHDATE: 2nd October, 1948

HEIGHT: 6ft 7in

WEIGHT: 13st 5lb

MARRIED: To Hilka

CHILDREN: Colette (7) and Warren (4)

CAR: Mercedes

PREVIOUS CLUBS: None, just West Ham

JOB OR TRADE BEFORE TURNING PRO: None

NICKNAMES: Boog (West Ham), Hadleigh (England)

FAVOURITE NEWSPAPER: Daily Mail

FAVOURITE PLAYER: Diego Maradona

PLAYER FOR THE FUTURE: None in particular

FAVOURITE OTHER TEAM: Manchester United

FOOTBALL HERO OF CHILDHOOD: Bobby Charlton

FAVOURITE OTHER SPORT: Golf

OTHER SPORTS PERSON YOU MOST ADMIRE: Golfer Jack Nicklaus

BEST-EVER ALL-TIME XI: Banks; Vogts, Beckenbauer, Moore, Breitner; Neeskens, Netzer; Best, di Stefano, Pele, Cruyff

MOST MEMORABLE MATCH: When we beat Arsenal in the 1980 F.A. Cup Final

BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: When West Ham were relegated in 1978

FRIENDLIEST AWAY FANS: Liverpool's

BEST STADIUM PLAYED IN: The Olympic Stadium in Munich

FAVOURITE FOOD AND DRINK: Liver and bacon . . . Coca-Cola

MISCELLANEOUS LIKES AND DISLIKES: Reading, playing cards . . . smoking, waiting at airports

FAVOURITE SINGERS: Judy Tzuke, Van Morrison, Fleetwood Mac

FAVOURITE ACTRESS: Clint Eastwood, Julie Christie, Jackie Bisset

FAVOURITE HOLIDAY RESORT: Florida, the Sunshine State, USA

BEST FILM SEEN RECENTLY: The Burning

FAVOURITE T.V. SHOW: I like to watch a good film

FAVOURITE ACTIVITIES ON DAY OFF: Enjoy a round of golf and a game of tennis

BIGGEST INFLUENCES ON CAREER: My parents and my wife

SUPERSTITIONS: Always last man out of the dressing-room

INTERNATIONAL HONOURS: One England Schoolboy cap; eight Youth caps, one Under-23 cap and almost 50 full caps

PERSONAL AMBITION: To go to Spain this summer—as a player

IF NOT A PLAYER, WHAT JOB WOULD YOU DO?

Accountancy

CAREER AFTER PLAYING: Probably in some business or other

WHICH PERSON IN THE WORLD WOULD YOU LIKE TO MEET? Jack Nicklaus